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MORE BACKING FOR MAHATHIR OVER CURRENCY CRISIS

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Okt (Bernama) -- The Selangor Dawoodi Bohra Muslim Association has expressed full backing for the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir to steer the country out of the current currency crisis and economic problems.

The association, in a statement today, urged the people not to listen to rumours and make the Prime Minister a scapegoat.

Dr Mahathir was not the sole cause for the the temporary slide currently experienced by the country, it said.

"It is natural for the economy to take a breather. Why should we bow down to the dictates of others and echo their sentiments against Dr Mahathir," it said in reference to western media's suggestion that the Prime Minister stepped down.

"We should be grateful to Dr Mahathir for what he has done to the country and its image in the past 16 years since taking over the reign of the government," the statement said.

Dr Mahathir, it said, had done a lot for the country and it was time for the country to be by his side as he steered it back to an even keel.--

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