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MTUC CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF TRIPARTITE ECONOMIC COUNCIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) said a tripartite National Economic Affairs Council should be established in line with the government's move to have Malaysians determine the country's economic future.

MTUC president Zainal Rampak said the council should be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and its members drawn from the government, employers and workers' representatives.

"The council's decisions should be appropriately reflected in all policy documents and legislative provisions that follow so that there will be greater clarity in subsequent government policies and consistency in their implementation," he said in a statement today.

Dr Mahathir announced yesterday that the government would launch a nationwide campaign soon to let Malaysians take charge of the country's economic path.

The campaign would identify the roles that each Malaysian could play to counter the actions of certain foreign forces who deliberately undermine the Malaysian economy for their own interest.

Zainal said: "We are prepared to offer our cooperation and services to satisfy national interests by explaining the rationale of this strategy to the workers and people at large". -- BERNAMA

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