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RESTAURANT OPERATORS AND MARA STAFF SUPPORT MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Muslim Restaurant Operators Association and Institute Teknologi Mara Academic Staff Union (Mitasa) have expressed confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership.

Association secretary Kamrul Zaman Seeni Mohideen said in a statement that developed countries were envious of Malaysia's success under Dr Mahathir's leadership.

He said in response to challenges posed by elements out to destroy and weaken the nation's economy through currency speculations, the association would comply with government directives in controlling inflation by not increasing food prices indiscriminately.

Mitasa deputy president Dr Ahmad Suhaimi Abdul Rahim said the allegation by 34 US congressmen that Dr Mahathir was anti-Semitic only reflected their lack of understanding of the concept and application of democracy.

Dr Mahathir had repeatedly clarified that his allegedly anti-Jewish remark had been misinterpreted and that he is not anti-Jew. -- BERNAMA

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