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## Soros' regret unacceptable, says Dollah

GEORGE SOROS' expression of regret about his remarks concerning Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is unacceptable, said Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. 3 9/10/98

His attitude was adverse in nature, he said, adding that Soros wanted to interfere in the country's affairs.

"He seems to want to decide on the future of Malaysia and its leadership," he said when replying to points raised during the Supply Bill debate at committee stage.

Reuters reported yesterday that Soros felt that his recent remarks calling for the Prime Minister's ouster, were counter-productive.

Abdullah said Soros in a book authored by him had alleged that Malaysia, which had implemented credit control measures, could be blamed for any global economic problems.

"He is most worried if we succeed. Other countries will then do the same thing."

As a currency trader, Soros would be upset be-

cause the opportunities to make profits would be limited, Abdullah said.

On queries by Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP - Kepong) as to why Malaysia made a fuss over Soros, Abdullah said:

"Yes, Soros is just one individual. But he has a network of currency traders in the world which I believe is also one of the largest."

On US Vice-President Al Gore's speech at the Apec Business Advisory Council dinner here recently, Abdullah said the statement which he is-

sued following that episode was one of the strongest that he ever made.

He said it did not matter what Gore's agenda was.

"He has no right to interfere (in Malaysia's affairs)," he said.

However, he said Malaysian-US relations were generally good and that both sides had benefited from them.

Abdullah also said the Government was constantly monitoring any possibility of foreign participation at anti-government gatherings.