

# **Sanusi likens Soros to Adolf Hitler**

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KUALA LUMPUR: International financier George Soros came under another round of fire for his remarks calling for the ouster of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the release of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Kedah Mentri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, when asked for his comments, compared Soros to Adolf Hitler.

"What Soros did to the Asian economies was as cruel as what Adolf Hitler did in Europe and like Hitler he would face the same fate," he said.

Sanusi also told foreign representatives here to give a correct picture of Malaysia to their governments to avoid unfair criticism.

"Malaysians are living in peace and there are no disturbances which can lead to problems," he said after launching a French book-reading festival in Langkawi yesterday.

Despite Soros' ill-mannered remarks, Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Affifuddin Omar said foreign investments would continue to come in.

Describing the remarks as an attempt to scare

away investors, he said Malaysia had proven that it can manage its economy despite unfavourable comments from outsiders on Government's policies.

He added that positive changes could be seen on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange's composite index and this reflected investor confidence towards the economy.

"Despite one negative remark after another, what we can do is to prove that we can manage our economy despite sabotage from external sources. We urge investors to give us a chance.

"Our economy is on its way to recovery and this indicates that they still have confidence in us despite such unfavourable comments," he told reporters after meeting Pulau Umno members yesterday.

Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam accused Soros of trying to get back at Dr Mahathir for exposing "his dirty works."

"Soros feels cornered and so he gets back at Dr Mahathir for exposing to the world his activities," he told reporters in Ipoh yesterday.

Mohamed Ali said Soros and US Vice-President Al Gore appeared to be "working" together in interfering in the internal affairs of Malaysia.

Deputy Energy, Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Chan Kong Choy said Soros' remarks only lends credence to talks that there was an international conspiracy to destroy Malaysia economically and politically.

The people behind this conspiracy, he said, were frustrated that Malaysians had given their undivided support to Dr Mahathir.

"First it was Al Gore and now it is Soros. Obviously they are frustrated with our stabilising economy because this is not what they want to see," Chan said.

He said Malaysians knew what to do and did not require foreign intervention.

MTUC president Zainal Rampak said Soros had no right to say who should and should not lead the country.

"Who the hell is Soros? He's not a Malaysian and has no right to talk about Malaysia," he said yesterday.