

Soros
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calling for
PM's ouster

LONDON: International financier George Soros said he regrets calling for the ouster of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad because such remarks could be counter-productive.

Soros, lambasted by Dr Mahathir as a speculator driving Asian economies to ruin, last week accused the Malaysian Prime Minister of cronyism and abuse of power and told a US university audience he should be removed from office.

"Had I known I was going to be quoted I would have moderated myself because I do think that's counter-productive," he told a news conference in London for the launch of his latest book.

"If I oblige him by attacking him I'm serving his purposes." — Reuters