

# Come see for yourselves, Mahathir tells foreigners

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday extended an open invitation to foreigners to come to Malaysia to see for themselves the actual situation in the country instead of relying on foreign news reports.

The Prime Minister said CNN, CNRC and BBC broadcasts worldwide were purposely reporting as if Malaysia was in chaos.

"We (Malaysian Government) don't deny that there are demonstrations, but these are confined to certain places only and not throughout the coun-

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"Obviously, these demonstrations will not cause the country to fall apart, but the foreign media want to see the political problems worsen the economic problems and, if possible, they want to see our Government fall.

"What we need to do is to attract as many foreigners as possible into Malaysia so that they can see for themselves the actual situation," he told a press conference here.

Reiterating his earlier stand that only the Malaysian voters could change the Government, Dr Mahathir said the foreign

media who had an agenda against Malaysia would fail in their bad intentions.

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He said many foreign journalists were now becoming more aware of the actual situation after visiting Malaysia.

"During the Commonwealth Press Union meeting in Kuala Lumpur, they (participants) did not encounter massive rioting," he said.

Dr Mahathir added that foreign businessmen attending meetings in the city were also convinced that the city was very safe.