

# PM confident **of better** results in six **months**

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DAFUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is confident the country will be able to reverse the economic contraction within six months.

The country recorded minus 6.8% growth in the second quarter of this year.

The Prime Minister said he was confident the Government's measures would result in increased economic growth.

For example, he said the Government had decided to invest in infrastructure development because this would increase economic activity

and job opportunities in the construction industry and other related industries

To a question, he said it did not matter whether it was the Government or the private sector who invested in construction projects, adding:

"What is important is that the available money is spent and changes hands."

This, he said, would have a multiplying effect and revive the economy.

Dr Mahathir said if share prices went up according to a company's nett asset value, and the

ringgit remained firm, companies would be able to recover and this would help revive the economy.

He said he hoped the people would feel a sense of urgency to help revive the economy, adding that he expected government officers to work "day-and-night."

"I hope everybody understands that time means money and everybody must work extra hard.

"We cannot allow an easy-going attitude towards work to interfere with the country's economy," he added.