

PM· Stay calm ¹⁹ and united in ^{5.22.8.98} facing downturn

KANGAR: Malaysians must remain calm and be united in facing the economic slowdown, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

They should not cause any racial or social unrest as this could land the country in serious trouble, he said.

"We will not be able to handle the situation if people become divided, restless and turn wild," he said.

"So far, the people have been calm and co-operative in allowing the country to find ways to handle the economic problems," he said at a meet-the-people gathering in Stadium Utama here.

The prime minister criticised certain political parties which exploited the economic downturn for political mileage.

"Such acts tantamount to abetting the foreign enemy to destroy the country," he said.

Dr Mahathir noted that it was unfortunate if the country's problems were used to fish for votes.

"People must think for themselves and be careful of such unpatriotic acts," he said.

He said the country could not rely on outside help to overcome its economic problems.

"As such, it is only with our determination, unity and political stability that the nation can overcome the turmoil," he said.