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Abim: Don't overreact to criticism by Soros

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia said today Malaysians should not be unduly sensitive or overreact to the criticism by currency trader George Soros.

"Malaysians need neither be unduly sensitive nor overreact to such criticisms as it has become almost a norm in the modern age of globalisation," its president Ahmad Azam Abdul Rahman said in a statement.

He said a "civilised reply, in addition to maintaining our normal chores" would be enough to rebuff the country's critics.

"To overreact and indulge in long-running war of words would be waste of our precious time and efforts in futility," he added.

"Let our critics air their grievances or suspicions," he said, adding that, "it may only make our conscience and actions clear, and remind us to be wary of misadventurisms."

Ahmad Azam said Malaysians were sometimes prone to commit mistakes if they were not subjected to criticisms for a long period and therefore, there was wisdom in being criticised every now and then.

"If we are not guilty we become popular and heroes afterwards" he said.

Ahmad Azam nevertheless said Soros' statement against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was not only uncalled for but also an indiscreet interference.

"Soros' call for the ouster of Dr Mahathir and the release of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim comes in bad taste as the Government is democratically elected and capable of handling and settling its own problems within the ambit of civil society without any intervention from any quarters.

"Like any country in the world, Malaysia has her ups and downs but we are always able to get over our problems, no matter how grave they maybe," he said.

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