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DAP WELCOMES THE END OF ANTI-JEW CONTROVERSY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- DAP secretay-general Lim Kit Sing today welcomed the end of the controversy over allegations that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is anti-Semitic.

"DAP welcomes the end of the controversy as it is an unnecessary distraction from the real problem of overcoming the country's worst economic crisis since World War Two," he said in a statement, here.

He said the time had come for the government and people to concentrate on the causes of the crisis and its impact on the real economy, which was going to be very painful this year as compared with last year.

Lim was commenting on the report that the World Jewish Congress executive director Elan Steinberg had said that the congress had accepted that the prime minister, who had been criticised for allegedly making controversial statements about Jews, was not anti-Semitic.

According to the report, Malaysia, through its ambassador to the United Nations High Commission, Hamidon Ali, had written a letter to the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner in Geneva denying that Dr Mahathir was anti-Semitic and saying that anti-Semitism has never been the policy in Malaysia.

The letter dated Feb 20 was written after Hamidon met with the World Jewish Congress representative there Morris Abram.

Dr Mahathir today expressed his gladness that the issue of him being allegedly anti-Semitic had been put to rest by the World Jewish Congress.

The prime minister also reiterated that he had never been anti-Semitic.

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