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`Foreign forces out to undermine PM'

KEDAH delegate Datuk Badruddin Amiruldin yesterday lashed out at external forces out to undermine the credibility of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership, saying that agents were being sent to incite unrest in the country.

These forces were targeting the nation's economy in their unending efforts to weaken the country.

He added that even efforts to alert the grassroots to this threat proved futile until US Vice-President Al Gore's openly supported the so-called reformasi movement.

Badruddin called on members to remain united and support the party's leadership.

Badruddin, who has the reputation of being the live wire in party general assemblies, could not resist a few jokes.

In fact, in his usual funnyman style, he elicited giggles in the auditorium earlier when he began his speech.

As he adjusted the microphone, he uttered the words "Solid Grip."

The amendments passed yesterday, he said, proved that the party and its leadership practised transparency.

Then he went on to say that even the plastic files approved for distribution by the party's secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik were `transparent' folders.

But the clincher he offered was when he got the delegates to give Dr Mahathir a standing ovation.

He had drawn an analogy between the party president and a distraught mother whose infant was ordered by a sultan to be cut in two to settle a dispute about who was the real mother of the child.

He said the mother who shed tears as she gave up her baby to the other woman in order to save her child's life was making a sacrifice.

"Just like our leader who has on many occasions shed tears for the love of the party and country. So as a gesture of our love and appreciation for him, I ask all of you to stand up and give him an ovation."

And this, everyone did.

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