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Chua: Foreign media's stand a contradiction

MUAR, Sun. - MCA vice-president Datuk Chua Jui Meng today chided the foreign media for blaming the economic downturn on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Barisan Nasional Government.

He said the foreign media had contradicted themselves as only a few years ago, they had praised Dr Mahathir and the Government for maintaining a vibrant economy.

"They blame Dr Mahathir for causing the ringgit's fall when he started speaking out against the unethical practices of the West," he said at the opening of the RM1.2 million Kwantung Association building.

Chua, who is also Health Minister and Member of Parliament for Bakri, said Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea had "remained quiet" but their currencies had also depreciated.

"We are fortunate to have a stable Government under Dr Mahathir. The economic problem is caused by external factors. It has nothing to do with our leaders or Government."

He said the Government had devised strategies to overcome the problem.

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