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Ghafar: Changing our leaders not the answer

IPOH, Sat. - Former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba today said changing leaders is not the answer to resolving Malaysia's economic problems.

Instead, the people should unite and give their full support to the Government if they wanted to see the economy recover faster.

He said the people must have faith in the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and in the measures taken by the Government to solve the economic problems.

Ghafar, in apparent reference to Indonesia, said:

"They (the people) have removed their leader in the hope of resolving their economic problems, and a new leader is now in power but the problems still remain."

Ghafar, who is a former Umno deputy president, was here as part of his nationwide tour to explain to Umno members about the economic slowdown. He has so far met party members in Kelantan and Kedah.

Also present at the gathering at the Town Hall were Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib and Umno information chief Datuk Dr Yusof Nor.

Ghafar said it was important that the confidence of foreign investors was restored so that the economy could recover faster.

"The people should also help by reducing their expenditure."

On his involvement in helping the Government explain the present economic problems to the people, Ghafar said he felt obliged to contribute towards economic recovery and that it was not to gain personal support.

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