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LOCAL PORTS ON PAR WITH FOREIGN ONES, SAYS UMNO SPOKESMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, July 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysian exporters should use local sea ports such as Port Klang and Pasir Gudang as they offer facilities on par with Singapore port.

Umno's International Bureau secretary Haji Mustapha Yaakub said today that using local ports would stop unnecessary capital outflow, especially during the economic crisis.

He said the move to use local ports was in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for all sectors to work together to revive the country's economy.

The party's international bureau, he told Bernama in a telephone interview, also backed the Transport Ministry's proposal to amend the laws to ensure wider usage of local ports by exporters.

Its minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik had said that increasing the levy on lorries carrying cargo imported or exported through the causeway was one of the possible moves by the government.

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