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MAHATHIR CONFIDENT VISION 2020 WILL BECOME A REALITY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 31 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir tonight expressed confidence that the Vision 2020 objective to make Malaysia a developed nation will be realised despite attempts by foreign parties to damage the country's economy.

The prime minister believed that Malaysians would rise to defend the nation against being controlled by foreign parties trying to weaken its economy and take over the local big companies.

"They can try, but Malaysians of all races will rise together to defend our country's independence.

"We defend our country by showing that we love it and we will make our companies more successful by buying goods we make ourselves," he said at the "Semarakkan Semangat Cinta Malaysia" show organised by the MCA at Merdeka Square, here.

Congratulating the MCA for organising the love Malaysia campaign simultaneously with the buy-Malaysian-goods campaign, Dr Mahathir hoped that these campaigns would ignite the spirit for Malaysians to jointly defend the nation.

He said the government would join the people to curb the activities of would-be colonialists trying to damage Malaysia's economy and to develop the nation so that its citizens could live in peace and prosperity.

He said that when Malaysians bought local goods they showed the work that they love Malaysia and were prepared to sacrifice a little to defend its economy.

He said foreign forces had devalued Malaysia's currency and shares to impoverish it so that they could come and take over all the companies here.

"They devalued the shares so that they can come in and buy up our companies at low prices, they intend to control our banks, our giant companies and all our industries and we will become their workers and they will lord over us,"

Dr Mahathir believed that Malaysians did not want to be re-colonised and wanted to continue enjoying the independence that they had had for 40 years because the country had developed rapidly since then.

Present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

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