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MAHATHIR DISAPPOINTED IN MALAYSIANS FOR BELIEVING RUMOURS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed his disappointment with Malaysians for being easily taken in by rumours, saying that this only causes problem for them and the nation.

He said he could not understand why Malaysians believed in rumours when what was announced by the government was based on facts.

"How many times have I been rumoured to resign? How many times have I been rumoured to blackout? How many times have I been rumoured to reshuffle the cabinet? None of these are untrue," he told reporters after chairing meeting of the Umno Supreme Council at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

Yet, he said, Malaysians believed in them and not in announcement made by the government.

Dr Mahathir said the latest rumour was that his son had committed suicide due to financial problem.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysians still believed in rumours even when the government said the country's financial position was still firm or that there was enough supply of essential goods.

"If we have money, then we have money. If we have sugar, then we have sugar. But why believe in rumours...shooting ourselves in the foot?".

"We are causing problems to ourselves...spreading rumours that a certain bank is going bankrupt and that people are withdrawing their money. Eventually, it creates problem to the bank."

He said Malaysians should not believe in rumours as banks in Malaysia were strong.

"I have repeatedly said this. So did Deputy Prime Minister and Bank Negara Governor. I don't know what more can I say," he said.

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