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MAKE LIVE COVERAGE OF PM'S SPEECH, TV AND RADIO STATIONS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- All television and radio stations have been requested to make live coverage of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the Umno General Assembly here on Friday.

Information Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat said this would enable the people to hear for themselves Dr Mahathir's replies to several current issues.

"I call for cooperation from private TV and radio stations to make live coverage of the speech which I feel will provide the right answers to issues raised," he said at a news conference at Angkasapuri here today.

He said the main issue facing the country was the economic downturn and every Malaysian should support government's actions in resolving the problem.

"While we pay attention to the main issue at hand, we don't want others to crop up and weaken us," he said.

Mohamed said Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM) would make live coverage of Dr Mahathir's speech over the television and radio networks.

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