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MALAYSIANS SHOULD MAINTAIN COUNTRY'S PEACE, STABILITY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight urged Malaysians to continue maintaining the country's peace and stability to ensure speedy economic recovery.

Dr Mahathir said economic recovery could be brought about through cooperation among all the people.

"The people should not create chaos and uncertainty in the country as a peaceful nation can bring about speedy economic recovery, he said at the 90th anniversary dinner of the Sultan Abdul Hamid College.

He said the people should be grateful that despite the economic slowdown, the situation in the country was not as bad as that in some other countries also affected by the economic crisis.

"We cannot take things for granted for otherwise we will face the same fate," he said.

Dr Mahathir said people should learn from the problems being faced by some in their own countries where there was violence over dissatisfaction on some issues such as wage decreases.

"Thanks be to God that despite some violence in our contry, the situation is not as bad as that in other countries," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said that despite its RM16 billion debt, the government had the capacity to administer the country.

"We in Malaysia are still able to control the situation even though the government does not have a lot of money," he said.

Among the dignitaries present were the Yang Dipertua Negeri of Melaka Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

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