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Leaders praised for tackling woes effectively

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should be fully praised for adopting immediate and effective measures to address the economic problems which began July last year.

Husni Hanadziah (BN-Tambun) said from the start of the problems, the Government had introduced several packages and cost cutting policies to ensure the wellbeing of the people.

Tabling the motion of thanks on the Royal Address, he said various structural changes were also carried out and many projects were delayed so as to help the economy recover quickly.

He said because of the effective measures taken, the effects of the economic slowdown were not as serious as that experienced by neighbouring countries.

Husni said as expected the success of the leadership in overcoming the economic problems had resulted in criticism from certain parties due to jealousy.

He said the opposition had launched campaigns to belittle the leadership and added that their attempts were futile.

"The people have full confidence and will continue to give solid support to the leadership in the measures being taken to overcome the economic problems," he said.

Husni said what was important was for the people to have the right attitude and to remember that the problems were the results of the depreciation of the ringgit and the drop in share prices in the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

He said it was important that the Government continue to adopt measures to ensure that there was no loss of confidence among the people.

He said whenever problems arose, it was best to analyse them and take immediate and appropriate measures to overcome them effectively.

"We must fix the problem. Not blame and criticise," he said.

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