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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL CRITICISES GORE AND SOROS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council tonight criticised United States Vice-President Al Gore and international financier George Soros for their interference in Malaysia's internal affairs.

Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told reporters this after chairing a meeting of the council here tonight.

He expressed confidence that foreign investors would continue to come to Malaysia despite the adverse remarks about the country's leadership by Soros.

"Foreign investors will come when they have the chance of making money. ...I have no worry about that.

"Soros can speak until he is blue in the face. It makes no difference," he said when asked whether if Soros' remarks would hamper foreign investors from coming here.

The financier recently said Dr Mahathir should be removed from power while sacked Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should be released from jail.

As for Gore, he angered many Malaysians when he described anti-government street demonstrators as the "brave people of Malaysia" during a business dinner at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit here last month.

The demonstrators are said to be supporters of Anwar who was sacked from the Cabinet and the party in early September.

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