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Mahathir-Media

WRITE BALANCED REPORTS TO HELP ECONOMIC RECOVERY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today urged the local media to come up with balanced reports that can help in economic recovery.

He said now the foreign media was writing reports attacking currency trader George Soros and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) but the local media was not doing that.

"The foreign media is acknowledging that what we said before (about Soros and the IMF) is true but we have not seen anything about this in our media," he told reporters after addressing a workers' solidarity rally here.

The Prime Minister was responding to questions as to the role of the local media in helping to bring about economic recovery.

He said the media had not been giving a balanced and fair view of the country which is not doing so well at the moment.

"However people in Malaysia can still live a comfortable life. There is no unemployment. Even if there is, it is negligible. This is an evidence of the correctness of our policy but these are not reported in the press," he said.

Hence the local media should come up with reports that would help in economic recovery.

When asked what the media could do to help Malaysia's economic recovery, he said the media should report things that could help revive the economy and it should not publish quotes on CLOB.

He said the Central Limit Order Book (CLOB) market was not a legal market in Malaysia. -- BERNAMA

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