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Disunity can tarnish our country's image

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Malaysians must stay united to ensure negative elements are not allowed to disrupt the nation's economic and political stability.

Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said even the slightest sign of disunity would provide ammunition to those out to tarnish the country's image.

"We are aware that there are those who had greatly benefited from the country but have still chosen to criticise and belittle the Government's policies and decisions," he said after a meeting with members of the federation of associations of former MSRM students and the association of former Institut Kemahiran Mara trainees.

Also present were Ansara president Mukhriz Mahathir and deputy president Abdul Mutalib Alias.

Mustapa, also Umno supreme council member, said it was also sad to note that several of those who fell into this category were Malay professionals.

"However, the Government is confident that these groups of people would change their attitude and realise that this kind of luxury could only be enjoyed under the leadership of the Barisan Nasional Government," he said.

He said it was no use regretting when it was too late and it was wise to consider the consequences of an alternative government.

On the meeting, Mustapa said both associations had pledged their support for the BN Government.

He said the members, a majority of whom were professionals, had appealed to the Government to give them more opportunities to be part of the policy-making process.

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