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Mahathir-Corporate

DR MAHATHIR SLAMS UNGRATEFUL CORPORATE PEOPLE

LANGKAWI, June 27 (Bernama) -- The government can do without the support of corporate people who do not know how to be grateful for the help the government has given them, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said the government had created a business climate to enable them to be rich, and yet they hit out at the government when they could not get what they wanted.

"It is not right of them to be angry with the government because when they want something they come whining, pleading for fear of becoming bankrupt.

"But when we help they do not know how to be grateful," he told reporters after launching the "Langkawi Travel Mart" here.

He said this when asked to comment on the action of a handful of corporate people who now support the opposition.

The Prime Minister said Umno could not accept such people, and it would be better if they wanted to support opposition parties.

"We also do not lose out. But I wish to clarify that there are many government supporters among them who know how to show gratefulness," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was aware that many corporate people ran into problems during the economic downturn, and they might be angry with the government because it could not help them.

He said they could have joined the opposition out of anger with the government.

"It does not matter if this kind of people do not become our supporters. This is because such people cannot be trusted," he said.

The Prime Minister declined to comment on talk that Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah would be made a minister following his recent appointment as Kelantan Umno chief.

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