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Employers against the dole

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The Malaysian Employers' Federation today welcomed the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad rejecting a social safety net in the form of the dole or unemployment benefits.

Its executive director Datuk Mohd Zain Majid said Dr Mahathir was right in stating that emphasis should be on creating jobs and that the dole would be a disincentive for people to work and costly too.

He said the call by the Malaysian Trades Union Congress for setting up a retrenchment fund should not be entertained as the recent economic slowdown had not resulted in very substantial retrenchment.

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