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IGNORE FOREIGN LIES, SOLDIERS TOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 8 (Bernama) -- Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha today cautioned armed forces personnel against reacting impulsively or being influenced by lies spread by outsiders about Malaysia and her leaders.

They should instead reinforce their conviction that measures implemented by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad were meant to ensure continued prosperity for the country and Malaysians, he said.

"With this in mind, I call on everyone in the ministry to remain united and loyal to the government leadership as they strive to overcome the current problems," he said addressing the ministry's morning assembly and launching its love the country campaign here.

He said enemies of the nation were bent on dismantling the unity, harmony and bliss that Malaysia had enjoyed all this while through a new form of colonialism.

If left unchecked, he said, the new threats would render all the sacrifices by armed forces personnel in upholding national peace and security futile and in vain, he said.

Abang Abu Bakar later jotted down words manifesting his love for the country in a book placed at the lobby of the Defence Ministry's building.

He was followed by his deputy Datuk Dr Abdullah Fadzil Che Wan, Defence Forces Chief Gen Datuk Seri Mohd Zahidi Haji Zainuddin and chiefs of the three services of the armed forces.

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