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KOH SLAMS WASHINGTON POST

PULAU PINANG, April 24 (Bernama) -- Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon today slammed the Washington Post over its article under the heading "Mr Mahathir Disgrace' on its April 19 issue.

He said the Washington Post did not display professional journalism in that article which was not based on facts such as the expanding foreign investment in Malaysia.

"For instance in Penang itself, three American companies have increased their investment totalling RM5.5 billion since last September."

"This only reflects the ever increasing foreign investor confidence in the Malaysian Government's economic recovery programmes," he told reporters here.

Intel had increased its investment by RM2.8 billion, Hawlett Packard (RM1.7 billion) and Advance Micro Devices (AMD) by RM1 billion.

The increased investment was a aye vote in the form of money for the Malaysian Government, Koh said.

Hence the writer of the article in the Washington Post should come to Malaysia and review the facts before writing about this country, the Chief Minister added.

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