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ONE PER CENT GROWTH FORECAST WILL NOT BE REVISED, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KOTA BAHARU, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- Prime minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia will not be revising upwards the forecast rate of economic growth for 1999 as the country is more certain of a one per cent growth.

He said there was no need for Malaysia to do so even though there was a possibility of better growth.

"We think that there is a possibility (of better growth figures) but we are more certain of a one per cent growth," he told reporters after chairing the Kelantan state Umno liaison committee meeting, here.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on reports by some economists that Malaysia's economy will grow between 2.0 and 2.5 per cent for 1999.

He said he wanted to know why those economists were of the opinion that Malaysia would experience a growth rate better than one per cent.

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