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STRENGTHEN NATIONAL RESILIENCE, SAYS GOVERNMENT BBC

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- The government Back Benchers Club (BBC) said Malaysians should use the Prime Minister's recent speech at the United Nations General Assembly as the basis to strengthen national resilience and sovereignty.

Government BBC chairman Ruhanie Ahmad said without national resilience and political stability, the country could be put at the mercy of western powers.

"We are proud of the firm tone and comprehensiveness of the Prime Minister's speech on the world scenario with the approaching new millennium," he said in contacting Bernama here today.

Dr Mahathir, in his speech at the UN General Assembly in New York, said Malaysia was not at ease with the way western powers had put pressure on as well as taking every opportunity to get involved in any place such as being overly involved in East Timor.

Ruhanie said western powers were always looking to incite anti-government sentiment elsewhere in the name of fighting undemocratic governments.

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