

# Dr Mahathir slams those who campaign overseas

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BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN,  
Sun: Datuk Seri Dr Ma-  
hathir Mohamad today la-  
belled as traitors those who  
launched smear campaigns to  
discourage foreigners from  
investing in this country and  
hoped it would not get any  
support.

The Prime Minister said no  
matter what their grievances  
were, they should not have  
resorted to such action as it  
could damage the country's  
economy and was detrimental  
to the people's well-being.

He expressed dis-  
appointment with opposition  
party Parti Keadilan Nasional  
whom he said had paid a US  
firm to discredit Malaysia so  
that foreigners would not  
invest in the country.

He was speaking to about  
300 Malaysians residing in  
Brunei during lunch in Jeru-  
dong, about 20km from here.

Though he did not name  
anyone, he was obviously re-  
ferring to the admission by  
Keadilan Youth chief Moha-  
mad Ezam Mohamad Nor that  
he had visited the US and  
Europe recently to foment  
hatred against Dr Mahathir for  
the Government's treatment of  
former deputy prime minister  
Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim,  
who is now serving a jail  
sentence.

Ezam was quoted as saying  
that a number of leaders in  
Keadilan, including its presi-  
dent Datuk Seri Dr Wan  
Azizah Wan Ismail, who is  
Anwar's wife, was responsible  
for launching the smear  
campaign.

Dr Mahathir also took to  
task those who resorted to  
action that could split the  
Malays.

"The Malays are not safe  
as yet. They are still behind  
in education and economy. If  
there is a split, they will not  
achieve anything. They may  
be colonised again."

He hoped everyone under-  
stood the importance of Malay  
unity.