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`KLSE thrives on rumours'

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the "stock market thrives on rumours. If there are no rumours, they will start one".

He said this in reply to a question on the poor performance of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange which had been attributed to "rumours".

He said: "They have been telling the world that Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and I would go our separate ways for the past 15 years. The fact is, we still work together.

"This fact does not seem to convince people that he is not about to leave the Government. Every time we assure the people that Daim is going to be with the Government, they keep saying `no, no, no, we know better'.

"Well, a lot of people seem to know what Tun Daim and myself are thinking. So much so that we don't know ... we have to ask people what we are thinking."

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