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SMEAR CAMPAIGN NOT AFFECTING INVESTMENT, SAYS RAFIDAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Foreign investors were not influenced by the overseas smear campaign conducted against Malaysia and the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, a minister said today.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said there were no reports of foreign investors pulling out or proposed investments being called off due to efforts to run down Malaysia.

"Foreign investors were not influenced. In fact, they have their own means to get information and feedback from various sources on the actual situation in Malaysia," she told reporters after closing a treasure hunt for the Sepang parliamentary constituency in Bandar Baru Salak Tinggi, near here.

Foreign investors did not pay heed to what Parti Keadilan Nasional Youth chief Mohd Ezam Mohd Nor and his friends were doing to tarnish the government's image overseas, she said.

"For example, the Western Digital chief told me yesterday that they know what is happening in the country and have decided to close a factory overseas and expand existing operations in Malaysia as a relocation exercise," she said.

She said foreigners would continue to invest in Malaysia as long as the government disseminated accurate information on the situation in the country.

Rafidah, who is Wanita Umno head, said opposition parties or anyone else unhappy with the government should voice their grouses through Parliament or the state legislative assemblies.

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