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`Uphold image of our country when overseas'

UPHOLDING the image of the country overseas is the responsibility of all, including the Opposition, the Dewan Rakyat heard yesterday.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said it was therefore important that the Opposition refrain from spreading lies or distorting the truth.

"You should not twist the facts ... just tell the truth," he advised Mohamad Sabu (Pas-Kuala Kedah) who wanted to know the effect of some incidents on the country's image internationally.

To a question from Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong) on whether the Prime Minister should adopt a more "diplomatic" approach in putting forward his views on various issues, Syed Hamid said:

"To judge whether the approach taken has been effective or not it should be seen from the broad endorsement given to Dr Mahathir Mohamad, even from well-known economists who concurred with his views on the economic crisis."

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