

'No quick recovery for global economy'

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PUTRAJAYA: The depressed global economy is not expected to see quick recovery because there are still a lot of uncertainties and fears among the global population with regard to travelling, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

"Recently such fears had returned because there was an incident where a man on a flight (from Europe to the United States last week) tried to explode a bomb carried in his shoes," he told reporters after recording his New Year message for Radio Television Malaysia at his office here.

"But at this time, many tourists are not interested to go to Europe or the US. Perhaps they should visit Malaysia as an alternative," he said.

Asked what was in store for the Malaysian economy next year, the Prime Minister said the country would continue to push the electronics and electrical industry while at the same time focus on other areas that could generate economic wealth. — Bernama