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Dr M on how to protect economy against those out to undermine it

MALAYSIANS should excel in the area of financial management so that the country could protect itself from those trying to undermine its economy, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

He said there were countries which were having perpetual economic problems because of their poor financial management.

"They cannot protect themselves against those who were deliberately trying to undermine the economies," he told reporters after launching the Gallery Tun Ismail Mohamed Ali at Menara PNB in Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said Argentina, which was a rich country, was now suffering because it had succumbed to pressure by those bent on destroying its economy and due to ill-advice from international bodies.

"Even the president had to resign and leave the country," he said.

Dr Mahathir said it was of paramount importance for the country to have experts in financial management so that it would continue to prosper.

He said Malaysians should learn all trades to face the challenges of the new millennium.

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