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MEDIA SHOWING MORE CONFIDENCE IN MALAYSIA'S LEADERSHIP - ZAINUDDIN

PENANG, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Both the domestic and foreign media are showing greater confidence in the leadership of Malaysia after the Sept 11 attacks on the United States, Information Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said today.

According to him, the incident had made the people and media realise that the Malaysian leadership was pursuing the right policies, including on economic and security matters.

He said signs of confidence in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's leadership included the people's support for the Internal Security Act, change in the foreign media's attitude towards Malaysia's policies and the Barisan Nasional's victory in the recent Sarawak state election.

Zainuddin was speaking to reporters after a meeting here with about 100 staff of agencies under the Information Ministry, including the Information Department, Broadcasting Department and Bernama.

He said the foreign media were now giving credit to the Malaysian leadership for its success in making the country a moderate Muslim nation within a short period of time.

Malaysia was also seen as a stable and progressive democracy with a multi-racial population, he said.

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