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Roche should examine his own backyard before criticising others

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I REFER to "Another View" (The Diary, New Sunday Times, Aug 5) which quoted David Roche, a London-based investment adviser, as saying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is surrounded "by a bunch of mediocre sycophants who couldn't rule a rice paddy in a monsoon" (Fortune, Aug 13).

I agree with him that "this bunch couldn't rule a rice paddy in a monsoon", but they sure can rule a country - one which is multi-racial and politically stable, successful and "a developing country which is among the most progressive of developing ones".

A country which is highly respected and looked upon as a model by numerous leaders from developing as well as developed countries.

A country which is independent and sovereign.

A country which overcame the economic crisis without taking a single cent from the International Monetary Fund. A country which dares to be different.

And the list goes on.

All these by a "a bunch of mediocre sycophants".

Roche (whoever he is) should look at what is happening in his own backyard before criticising others.

If he is so superior, why are senseless bombings and racial killings common in his country?

I think the world would be a better place to live in without all the roaches affecting the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of others.