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Viable firms will get assistance, says Dr M

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reiterated that the Government will continue to help viable companies to restructure their businesses which in turn will support the economy.

"Some people think that weak companies should be allowed to go bankrupt. That has never been our thinking," Dr Mahathir said when responding on whether the restructuring of companies would continue in light of the slowdown.

Dr Mahathir believed that some weak companies should be helped because of the difficulties they were facing.

"It seems that the world now accepts bail-outs. Before, it was a crime but now everybody is bailing out businesses in trouble."

He pointed out that the international community has acknowledged that airlines must be helped.

"It is not a bail-out. It's just a helping hand," he said.

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