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Expats `enjoy working in peaceful Malaysia'

TUMPAT, Sat. - Many foreign diplomats regard Malaysia as the best place to serve as they can work in peaceful surroundings without any threat to their safety and that of their families.

National Economic Action Council executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said today they had readily admitted that this kind of situation was rare in other places.

"Expatriates are able to work here without any disturbance while foreign tourists find this country a calm place for their vacation."

He said many foreigners, including ambassadors and high commissioners, had expressed their amazement at the peaceful situation in Malaysia. "They have nothing but praise for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for their success in ensuring the people of various ethnic backgrounds live in peace and harmony."

"While foreigners are appreciating the situation prevailing in the country, it is sad to hear locals spreading lies on the country and its leaders."