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M'SIA'S ECONOMY STILL GOOD AND STRONG

PENANG, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today Malaysia's economy is still in good shape although the economies of many other countries had been severely affected by the Sept 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

The deputy prime minister said although Malaysia's economy was so open, it could still recover in stages.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would ensure that it was not badly affected by what had happened, he told a news conference after launching the book, "Tun Hamdan Sheikh Tahir: His Life and Times as Seen by Himself and Others", here.

He also said that the government would take early action to ensure that if anything happened to its neighbours which was linked to its economy it would not have adverse repercussions on Malaysia.

"The country also has the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) which will continue to monitor the situation to help give ample opportunity to the government to take early action," he said.

He said the NEAC was constantly discussing the current situation to ensure that any bad incidents did not affect the country's economy.

On the actions of certain parties who were always running down the country, Abdullah said the government could not control them from making interpretations on the country.

However, he said, whatever they chose to write should be correct and accurate.

"What's important is that their facts must be correct, otherwise it'll make us angry," he said, adding that this might cause the country to take certain actions.

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