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ONLY A MAJOR DEVALUATION OF CURRENCIES MAY FORCE A RE-PEG, SAYS DR
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SEPANG, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia might consider re-pegging the ringgit only if there is a major devaluation of currencies among neighbouring economies as a result of the yen depreciating further.

"If neighbouring countries decreased or increased their currencies by 20 percent and (the increase) remains at that level, then we will consider changing the value of our currency," he said at a press conference after going on a test run on the express rail link from KL Sentral to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, here, today.

"If the yen goes down and China reduced their currency, we will have to examine our currency as well," he said.

"The ringgit is fine at RM3.80 (to the US dollar) at this moment," he said when clarifying reports suggesting Malaysia was going to devalue its currency.

The yen is currently trading at 132.3 yen against the dollar. --

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