

Rafidah: US traders know better

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SHAH ALAM: American businessmen continue to have good ties with Malaysia because they are serious investors who are not swayed by biased media reports, said International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

"Businessmen with a genuine interest to invest in our country will have sent their people here to do some extensive research first.

"They will not put in or pull

out RM20mil based on statements appearing in their newspapers," she said, commenting on a boycott call of tourism and investments in Malaysia by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, a US-based Jewish lobby group following remarks by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Jews were ruling the world by proxy.

Rafidah said US businessmen in Malaysia know that the Prime Minister's remarks were

misinterpreted by some international media groups.

She reiterated that Malaysia had highlighted the need for fair play in the global arena.

"We are not anti-Jew or anti-anybody. We are not supportive of any strategy or measure that divides the world and oppresses certain communities," she told reporters after opening the Ohtsuki Seiko (M) Sdn Bhd factory at Bandar Puncak Alam here.