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DR MAHATHIR UNPERTURBED BY CYNICISMS ON OIC

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was not bothered about cynicisms of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) whose chairmanship had just been assumed by Malaysia.

"There are cynics all over the world. If we want to listen to cynics, we'll never do anything.

"So, I'm quite willing to hear such remarks and I'm not unduly influenced by such remarks," he told a press conference after chairing an informal meeting of OIC members that followed a highly successful summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

He was asked on the effectiveness of OIC as the reporter remarked that OIC, which would hold its summit here in October, and NAM had in the past been a subject of ridicule.

Quoting an example, the reporter stated that the OIC's acronym had been cynically viewed as representing "Oh I See" reflecting as if nothing could be done.

To this, Dr Mahathir, who is NAM chairman, asked: "What does NAM stands for?"

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