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Mahathir-Blackmail

MALAYSIA WILL NOT BE BLACKMAILED, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

SUBANG, Oct 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said that Malaysia will not allow itself to be blackmailed by any parties for saying the truth.

He said he realised that Malaysian business environment might be affected in certain way following accusations of Malaysia being anti-Semitic.

"Of course it (business) may be affected as well, but the question is do we allow ourselves to be blackmailed or do we (opt to) stand up for what is right?" he told reporters after his arrival from Papua New Guinea at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) base here.

"I don't think we should allow ourselves to be blackmailed by them. `If you do not say nice things, I will not invest in your country, I'll pull out my investment'. That is blackmail.

"This is the kind of pressure they put (on us). I don't see why people should get annoyed with what I said which is absolutely true," he said.

When asked on whether the recent development could affect trade performance and stock market movement, Dr Mahathir said he believed that the business people would know what would be best for them.

"It is a business decision, but I am quite sure the business people will know what is good for them."

Following Dr Mahathir's remarks on the Jews at the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit in Kuala Lumpur recently, an influential US-based Jewish lobby group Simon Weisenthal Centre had reportedly called for a boycott of tourism and investment in Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir reiterated that the wide protest to his remarks concerning the Jews only led to prove that he was right that the Jews controlled the world.

"I think it is true that the Jews control the world through proxy and if you say anything against the Jews, then they are going to accuse you of being anti-Semitic and will try to stop investment from coming into this country," he said.

The prime minister said people were afraid to criticise the Jews as if they were beyond criticism and when Muslims were accused as terrorists and the Prophet Muhammad was labelled as terrorist, not even the European countries voice out any protest.

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