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"THE ECONOMIST" OFTEN MADE NEGATIVE SPECULATIONS ON M'SIA - DR LIM

PORT DICKSON, April 25 (Bernama) -- "The Economist" magazine often made adverse speculations on Malaysia and on the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today.

He said the London-based magazine had never written a positive reaction on Malaysia.

"The magazine hopes what it published in the article to be true, but actually Malaysians are more wiser in evaluating Dr Mahathir's leadership than what is written by them.

"The criticism against Dr Mahathir is off-target as they failed to poison the minds and thinking of Malaysians about the Prime Minister," he said when asked to comment on the article entitled "A Qualified Success" published in the April 5 issue.

Dr Lim, who is also Primary Industries Minister, was speaking to reporters after presenting Kumpulan Guthrie Berhad's Best Plantation Award 2002 at Sue Betong Estate.

The magazine, among others, said: "The greatest service of Dr Mahathir could render Malaysia after all these years would be to retire, full stop."

Dr Lim said the magazine harboured ill-will on Malaysia.

The article also touched on racial relations, New Economic Policy, Internal Security Act, spending on mega projects and PAS' threat.

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