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Zainuddin-Mahathir

WESTERN MEDIA FAILS TO UNDERMINE DR MAHATHIR'S INTEGRITY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The western media has failed to undermine Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's integrity, right up towards the end of his leadership, said Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin today.

On the contrary, he said the Prime Minister became more prominent and had succeeded in gaining world's attention with his sharp remarks which created greater awareness among the European and American societies on the danger of allowing themselves to be dictated by the Jews.

"In fact, Dr Mahathir has proven to be a leader who is eloquent, efficient, smart and far-sighted," he said in a statement issued here.

He said that because Dr Mahathir came from the Third World, he was not accorded the status of a leader whose integrity surpassed those in the West.

Zainuddin said the western media had long shared an agenda to undermine and ridicule Dr Mahathir's leadership by projecting him as authoritarian and undemocratic.

He cited a recent example where they tried to belittle Dr Mahathir by claiming that he was rebuked by President George W. Bush for his remarks on the Jews in his opening speech at the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit in Putrajaya last week.

"Clearly, such news is presented to appease the Jews," he said.

Dr Mahathir had denied the reports, saying that Bush did not rebuke him but only to explain to him why he had to make such a strong statement against him.

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