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WORKERS SUPPORT DR MAHATHIR'S ANTI-WAR STAND

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysian workers feel reassured and safe by the strong anti-war stand taken by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the opening of the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here yesterday.

Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) president Datuk Zainal Rampak described the stand as very timely and brave.

He told Bernama here today that the prime minister's speech should be made part of NAM's declaration.

"Dr Mahathir has hit the nail on the head when he rightly pointed out that the rich nations are oppressing and terrorising the poor countries and that they practise double standards," Zainal said.

He felt that all Malaysians should walk tall with the kind of sentiments expressed by the prime minister on their behalf.

"Malaysians are all peace-loving people and Dr Mahathir has conveyed this very clearly to the world," he said.

Meanwhile, Cuepacs, which represents almost 900,000 civil servants, felt that Dr Mahathir was very professional and fair in his assessment of the world situation today.

Its president, Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam, said that although the prime minister often criticised the rich nations, he had also offered solutions to overcome their weaknesses.

He said every statement made by Dr Mahathir was carefully thought out.

"Every Malaysian can walk tall and feel proud of how knowledgeable our prime minister is in world affairs," Siva Subramaniam said.

He also said that the government's policy of emphasising English in school was correct as it would give Malaysians the edge when it came to hosting an international event like the NAM Summit which ends today.

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