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MP pays tribute to Dr M for maintaining economic stability

A GOVERNMENT backbencher yesterday paid tribute to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for maintaining economic and financial stability although the country went through a volatile period over the last 41 years.

Datuk Mohd Zin Mohamed (BN-Shah Alam) said despite criticisms from various quarters, the Prime Minister marshalled the nation "through his way".

"The Opposition belittles his capability. They do not have the courage to heap praise because that will look absurd but the fact is Dr Mahathir deserves the accolades," he said when debating the Budget.

He said Dr Mahathir had better business acumen than other Finance Ministers, beginning from Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Tun Daim Zainuddin.

He said although Dr Mahathir had been premier for more than 22 years, his last 4 1/2 years were the zenith.

Abdul Rahman Yusof (Keadilan-Kemaman) claimed that the Government did not have sufficient funds to carry out its projects and that the rakyat were misled with inaccurate statistics.

Datuk Shaziman Abu Mansor (BN-Tampin) interrupted and told Abdul Rahman to stop painting a gloomy picture about the economy.