

Dr M's remarks 'did no damage'

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THE criticism by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad of the country's leadership did not have any negative impact, Foreign Ministry's parliamentary secretary, Ahmad Shabery Cheek, said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir's criticism, though widely publicised by the foreign media, had no impact on the country's economy

or international relations, he said in a reply to a question from Senator Osman Bungsu.

Ahmad Shabery said like the United States, Malaysia is a democratic country.

"The president of the United States is constantly criticised, but this does not mean the political and economic landscape in the US changes overnight."