

Allegations About Chinese Investment Aimed At Instigating People

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KOTA BHARU, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- Allegations made by the opposition parties that China's investments in Malaysia will have a negative impact on the country are merely aimed at stoking the people's anger at the government, said International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

Mustapa said even though these investments are often viewed negatively, the opposition know that they are important to their own states.

"We know leaders like (Datuk Seri Mohamed) Azmin Ali (Selangor Menteri Besar) and Lim Guan Eng (Penang Chief Minister) go to China to promote investments there even though it contradicts what their top leaders say.

"This clearly shows that they are not consistent, and the allegations were intended to stoke the public's anger," he told reporters after visiting several Chinese families here on the Chinese New Year today.

Yesterday, Mohamed Azmin was reported as saying investments from China must be welcomed as they benefit the country, a statement seen as contradicting the views of Pakatan Harapan Chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had been vocal in criticising foreign direct investment from China.

Mustapa who is also Kelantan UMNO Liaison Body Chairman said the statement made by Mohamed Azmin clearly showed that the federal government led by Barisan Nasional (BN) has been on the right track all along.

"The reality is that there are many more countries which invest in this country, such as the United States, Korea, Japan and Germany. China is just one of the countries which have come here to invest.

"Malaysians must choose a government which is consistent in carrying out short-term, medium and long-term policies which will benefit them in the future," he said.

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