

# MAHATHIR DECLINES ROLE OF MEDIATOR IN M-EAST

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THE Prime Minister will not agree with proposals to appoint him as the mediator to resolve the Iran-Iraq conflict, Deputy Foreign Minister Encik Kadir Sheikh Fadzir told the Dewan Negara yesterday.

He said while there were views expressed that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir be made the mediator, Dr Mahathir himself felt there were more effective means of resolving the conflict.

Encik Kadir was replying to Senator Nen Abidah Haji Abdullah during question time. She had asked if it was true that Dr Mahathir had been appointed the go-between to help resolve the conflict.

He explained that following Dr Mahathir's decision, the international Islamic community directed the chairman of the Islamic Peace Committee to continue his peace efforts.

The committee had been given the mandate to get the two warring Islamic neighbours to resolve their conflict by the Third Islamic Summit at Taif in 1981.