

# Viets in way of Zopfan in S-E Asia

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HARARE, Wed. — The continued presence of Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea is making it impossible for a zone of peace, freedom and neutrality to be established in Southeast Asia, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told the plenary session of the Non-Aligned summit today.

"We have accordingly tried to persuade the Vietnamese to leave Kampuchea," he said.

"We have even tried to moderate the demands of the people of Kampuchea so that Vietnam can respond more easily."

He said the Kampuchean leaders in exile (a three-group coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk) had drawn up an eight-point proposal recently which represented an important milestone in the search for a solution to the problem.

"We therefore strongly urge Vietnam to carefully and seriously reconsider the proposal in the interest of ending peacefully their long drawn out occupation of Kampuchea."

Dr Mahathir expressed disappointment that once again the "delegation of that unfortunate country" was not able to take its rightful place at the summit.

Dr Mahathir recalled that at the New Delhi summit in 1983 it was agreed that the NAM coordinating bureau be requested to examine and make appropriate recommendations to the current summit regarding the seating of Kampuchea, including the criteria and procedures for the suspension or expulsion of members.

"We regret to note that this has not been done and we would urge compliance with the decision and the early return of Kampuchea to its non-aligned movement seat," he added.