

Be understanding and fair, Iraq told

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Malaysia hopes that Iraq will be fair and understanding when dealing with citizens who are dissatisfied with the Government.

The Prime Minister was expressing the country's concern over developments in Iraq following the Gulf War. Earlier, he chaired the Umno Supreme Council meeting.

"We fear that President

Saddam Hussein's army will retaliate harshly against the revolvers. As a result many will be killed," said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir hoped that Iraq would exercise restraint in dealing with internal conflict.

"We do not want to interfere in the affairs of other Governments," he said.

"But Malaysia as a democratic country believes that any Government must have the support of the majority.

"If the majority of the people no longer favoured a certain Government, the leadership must respect the wishes of the people."

The people of Iraq must be allowed to express their views freely, the Prime Minister added.