

## Mahathir: We hope Iraqi Govt will be merciful

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Malaysia is concerned that many Iraqis will die as President Saddam Hussein attempts to quell the rebellion in his country.

“What worries us is that Saddam’s army may take stern and harsh measures (to stop the uprising) and many will be killed,” Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said he hoped that the Iraqi Government would be cautious and not cause many deaths.

“The Iraqi people should be given a chance to voice their opinions of their own government. As a democratic country, we believe that a government must have the support of its people and should abide by their decision if they want a change,” he said.