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MALAYSIA MAY CUT OFF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH YUGOSLAVIA

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia may consider cutting off its diplomatic ties with Yugoslavia if the on-going violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina continues.

Malaysia, said Dr Mahathir, strongly protested any move to have Serbia represent Yugoslavia at the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in Jakarta next month.

The Prime Minister also lashed out at the attitude of the United States over the Bosnia issue.

+We feel very sad because it is obvious that Sarajevo is being attacked and so many Bosnians are being killed and yet, they US) are just going to think about it,+ he told TV3 in Langkawi.

He said that Washington was only willing to look into the plight (of the Bosnians) when detention camp reports were revealed.

+But they are ready to go to war against Saddam (Hussein) ... so I don't know what are their priorities.+

+As far as we are concerned, the Bosnians whether they are Muslims or Croats ... it doesn't matter, but they are being attacked by the Serbs, killed everywhere and being chased out.+

+If this continues, we might consider cutting off our ties with them,+ he added. --Bernama

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