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"The danger is that Muslims, in their frustration with their weakness and failures, will react contrary to their religious teachings," he added.

Because of the disappointment, Muslims might act rashly and commit the same offences as that committed by their foes and this would then confirm the allegations of the West that Muslims were extremists, he said.

The Prime Minister said the West spoke eloquently of the rule of law, human rights, democracy or the voice of the majority without taking into account the existence of certain man-made laws that were unfair, excessive human rights and unwise majority voices.

He said: "International laws, meanwhile, were formulated to provide the mighty with the right to suppress the weak.

"Democracy, or the voice of the majority, as found among the Serbs in Bosnia is respected even though the objective is to suppress the Bosnian Muslims."

At the same time, the West would not hesitate to turn their backs on the very principles of justice they professed to uphold if such moves benefitted them, he added. -- more

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He said, in West Asia, they appeared to be protecting the Kuwaitis from the cruelty inflicted by the Iraqis, apparently on humanitarian grounds and a sense of justice.

"But, when it was evident that the Serbs were terrorising and killing the Bosnian Muslims, the West had a thousand and one excuses for not acting on the Serbs," he added.

The truth was that they acted in Kuwait because they wanted to protect their source of petroleum and since they had no interest in Bosnia, they were willing to allow the Serbs to kill, terrorise and suppress the Bosnian Muslims.

He said the world's present chaos was a result of the international community's disregard for the principles of justice.

The international community cared not and was cruel to those who were weak, he added, again citing Bosnia as example.

He said: "To the big powers, the powerful Serbs are right and the weak Muslims are wrong and have no right. The big Western powers still insist that they are right and fair.

"Can we accept the western concept of fairness as the basis of justice for our community?" -- Bernama

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