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BOSNIAN MUSLIM SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE LAND, SAYS MAHATHIR

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NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (Bernama) -- Bosnia's Muslim-dominated Parliament have a ~~basis~~ ^{② My overseas} for rejecting the international peace plan for the devastated republic, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said here Thursday.

"They should be given more land, especially access to the sea, or else they cannot survive as a nation," he told reporters after a half hour meeting with United States Deputy Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Clifton Wharton at his hotel suite.

The rejection of the plan could defer and, possibly derail, a settlement that would end the 18-month war by partitioning the country into three ethnic states for Croats, Muslims and Serbs.

The Parliament ended two days of debate with a crushing majority - 58 out of 69 votes - to send the plan back to negotiators with a demand that the plan must provide for the return to Bosnia's Muslims of "territories seized by force", mainly by Serbians, who now control 70 per cent of Bosnia.

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