

Boutros-Ghali has failed to take firm

PM: UN chief

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Malaysia today called on United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to resign for failing to take any firm action to help resolve the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the UN should elect a secretary-general who "is really an activist and brave" and could effectively help resolve the problems.

Dr Mahathir said he was disappointed with Boutros-Ghali because he had failed to stop the Serbian aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"He did not do anything to help settle the Bosnian conflict," Dr Mahathir told reporters after launching Umno Youth's *Gerak Kerja Perdana* in Subang Jaya near here.

Dr Mahathir recalled that Malaysia did not support Boutros-Ghali's election to the post in 1991 and said that he believed Boutros-Ghali's resignation would bring positive changes towards the settlement of the Bosnian problem.

Dr Mahathir also expressed his support to Umno Youth which today formally lodged its protest to the UN through the world body's office here. Umno Youth also took the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) to task for its lack of action in tackling the Serbian aggression against the Bosnians.

Dr Mahathir repeated his call that Bosnian Muslims should be provided with arms to defend themselves.

Asked whether it would make a difference if Boutros-Ghali resigned as UN Secretary-General, Dr Mahathir said:

"It certainly would make some difference because he (Boutros-Ghali) is definitely not doing anything.

"Boutros-Ghali takes the attitude that he has no power. When we asked Nato they said they wanted to wait for the Security Council to decide ... now that the

Security Council had decided, they referred to Nato.

"Now, who is in charge? Don't they know who is in charge?" Dr Mahathir asked.

On whether Malaysia would play a more active role in electing the next UN secretary-general, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia would try but it had to accept the fact that it had limited influence.

Dr Mahathir said many countries which were dependent on the big powers had been pressured to elect the candidate of their (the big powers) choice.

When the crisis erupted two years ago, Boutros-Ghali had said that what happened in Bosnia could be found elsewhere ... maybe in 10 other places.

Dr Mahathir said: "Such statements only encouraged the Serbs to continue with their aggression against the

action to resolve Bosnia conflict

should quit

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Bosnian Muslims. The Serbs think that what they are doing is not out of the extraordinary because they believed that ethnic cleansing is being carried out elsewhere."

Dr Mahathir said he was disappointed with Boutros-Ghali, who is holding such an important and responsible position and was entrusted with the task of leading the UN in protecting the interests of all nations.

He added that Nato, the superpowers and even the Security Council had not shown their "will" to re-

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solve the problems in Bosnia.

"They know that the Serbs could not be bothered with mere talk ... but would only respect strong actions against them. But they have not shown their will to do so."

Dr Mahathir reiterated his belief that Bosnian Muslims should be given the chance to protect themselves against the Serbian aggression.

"Instead, they obstruct the Bosnians in getting arms ... on the other hand they know the Serbs are getting arms from Belgrade and other sources," the Prime Minister said.

He added that when the Serbs recently withdrew from Sarajevo, several armaments were seized. But when the Serbs returned to Sarajevo, there was not even an objection when they took back the weapons.

On the other hand, the Bosnian Muslims surrendered their arms in the belief that settlement was near. If they were to be attacked now, "they would be killed just like that," Dr Mahathir said.

"This is the worst injustice that has happened in our history," the Prime Minister added.

He believes the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina would have been different if the reverse occurred where "the people who were murdered were non-Muslims and the murderers were Muslims".

"If this is the situation, I believe action will be taken speedily," he said.