

Report an 'attempt to stop Malaysia from giving aid'

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SHAH ALAM: The Western media's motive in writing false reports about Malaysia supplying arms to the Bosnians is to prevent Malaysia from helping weak nations, ~~Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad~~ said yesterday.

"This is because a country accused of supplying arms to another would be alienated," he told newsmen after visiting an international boat show here.

Dr Mahathir said the report would not stop Malaysia from giving support and aid to the Bosnians.

In Batu Pahat, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said Cable News Network (CNN) had agreed to air Malaysia's denial that it was supplying arms to the Bosnians.

The ministry received a letter from the network last week, he told newsmen after opening a seminar organised by the Batu Pahat Umno division yesterday.

Mohamed said the government did not want to pick a quarrel with CNN over its report, but hoped that it would be fair and accurate in its report, particularly on Malaysia.

He said the ministry would monitor all CNN programmes to ensure no negative remarks about Malaysia was not aired.