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MALAYSIA WILL NOT BACK BOUTROS-GHALI'S RE-ELECTION BID

LANGKAWI, June 30 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will not support the bid by United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali for a second term, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said Boutros-Ghali had failed in his responsibilities in leading the world body.

"He has been unable to resolve many conflicts, such as in Bosnia-Herzegovina where many people have been killed.

"We are not happy and reject him totally," he told a news conference at the end of an unofficial visit to this island.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia has no confidence Boutros-Ghali would be able to perform the tasks entrusted to him if he was retained in the post.

The UN chief, whose term expires on Dec 31, was reported recently to be courting the support of Asian countries for his re-election.

President Bill Clinton has stated that the United States would oppose the re-election of Boutros-Ghali. -- BERNAMA

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