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US must not meddle in Malaysian politics

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IT is time the United States was told very firmly, clearly and loudly not to meddle in Malaysian policies and decisions and to mind its own business.

No Government and its people will tolerate any interference in their domestic affairs by any foreign country.

The United States has the habit of dwelling on other countries' rights and imposing its standards and values when its own standards and policies are questionable. There is much to be desired in America's approach to some of the world's problems.

The US Government has no right to impose its laws on Malaysia because of Petronas' gas deal in Iran.

It is the inalienable right of Petronas, or for that matter any company in Malaysia, to invest or do business with any friendly country without coercion.

Some US Congressmen, led by Robert Wexler, are tabling a censure motion against our Prime Minister for alleged anti-Jewish and anti-Semitic remarks, despite Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's clarification that he is not against the Jews or Semites.

He has, however, blamed George Soros for the currency problem and the current economic situation caused by speculative attacks on the ringgit.

The 34 Congressmen are displaying bigotry, arrogance and blatant disregard for Malaysia's sovereignty.

They are in no way helping to create a conducive atmosphere to promote friendship and conduct healthy business.

No foreign country or media can dictate policies nor tell our leaders to quit.

We have freed ourselves from the clutches of colonialism and shall not succumb to neo-colonialism. We will live with dignity and defend our honour.

Let us not only remind ourselves but also others that at the 1995 general election the people have given Dr Mahathir an overwhelming vote of confidence for his innovative, dynamic, skilful and effective leadership in guiding the nation through an era marked by great social, economic and political developments. The country has forged ahead in many fields.

We, Malaysians, are fully aware that Dr Mahathir's firm commitment to defend the poor and weak countries through his courageous, frank, outspoken and firm statements has made Malaysia an influential and major player in the international arena.

We humbly walk tall among the community of nations. Dr Mahathir is a renowned leader. It is not surprising that not only the US but also other countries are very uncomfortable with Dr Mahathir's stand on certain issues.

It must be pointed out that there has never been any "no confidence" motion against Dr Mahathir in Parliament.

Therefore, to move a motion of confidence on Dr Mahathir by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in Parliament may appear to some as superfluous.

However, under the prevailing circumstances, the motion is timely to send a clear signal not only to the Americans but also to the industrialised countries and the foreign media, that Dr Mahathir has the unanimous support of the people and he is in command.

Malaysians want Dr Mahathir. We need his continued leadership to steer us not only through the currency problem but also towards achieving Vision 2020 which he expounded.

The Malaysians' message is crystal clear. Don't meddle in Malaysian politics.