

Second protest held 320.12.98 9 in front of US embassy

KUALA LUMPUR: More than 100 protesters comprising members of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), opposition parties and university students gathered in front of the US embassy here yesterday to denounce the air raids on Iraq.

They gathered from about 12.20pm in front of the embassy in Jalan Tun Razak and began shouting, "We Want Justice" and "Down With America."

The protestors carried posters and banners condemning the US and President Hill Clinton.

The posters carried messages such as "Stop Killing Innocent Lives", "Stop Slaughtering the Iraqis" and "Clinton/Blair Are Savage Murderers."

Spokesman for the protestors Chua Tian Chang said the demonstrators comprised representa-

tives from Adil, Gerak, Parti Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS), Democratic Action Party (DAP) and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM).

"We are here to prove to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that we are not mere American puppets and are not afraid to stand up even if there is injustice outside the country."

PRM president Dr Syed Husin Ali said: "We gather to denounce and oppose the violence and cruelty of the American imperialists who had bombed Iraq for three consecutive days."

This was the second demonstration held at the embassy.

The protestors dispersed by 1.10pm.

Yesterday, several youth movements held a demonstration and handed over a protest memorandum to the embassy.