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NO SIGN OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN MALAYSIA, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there is no sign of any terrorist activity in Malaysia.

However, he said, the Malaysian government was ever willing to extend cooperation to the U.S embassy in tightening security at U.S interests in this country.

He said this when asked to comment on why Malaysia was singled out by the U.S. State Department which had warned late Tuesday of threats to U.S interests here besides in Egypt and Yemen following bomb attacks in Kenya and Tanzania last Friday.

Dr Mahathir said there was no reason why the U.S State Department had to warn of threats to U.S interests here.

"I don't see any reason because as far as we can see there has been no sign of any terrorist activity in Malaysia," he said.

"Focusing on Malaysia may result in missing out on some other countries in which you may not expect it to happen like in Tanzania and Kenya," he said.

An official of the US embassy here said security had been tightened with Malaysian police stationed around the building.

"We are not worried of a threat from Malaysians. Our concern is from outsiders who may have entered Malaysia," James A. Warren, US press attache, was quoted by AFP as saying today.

A reporter pointed out to Dr Mahathir that the statement was issued by the US government, to which Dr Mahathir responded: " I don't know...I really cannot say anything because this is very sensitive, we are not supposed to say anything because this might be misinterpreted,".

Asked whether Malaysia would extend cooperation to the US embassy, he said that if they thought they were in danger they could ask for protection and Malaysia was ever willing to give it.

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