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DAP SUPPORTS DR MAHATHIR'S CALL FOR NATO FORCES TO ENTER KOSOVO

KUALA LUMPUR, April 13 (Bernama) -- The DAP supports the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Nato to despatch its ground forces to Kosovo to protect the remaining Albanians from Serb atrocities.

"As such, we call on the Malaysian representative at the United Nations Security Council to move a resolution to make this a UN-handled issue, instead of just Nato. Because the Kosovo is an international crisis now, an international solution is needed," said the DAP International Secretary Teresa Kok in a statement here today.

The party also urged the UN to send in a multinational ground force, just like it did to aid Kuwait when she was invaded by Iraq.

"The Kosovo crisis is slowly but surely getting out of hand, and if the world does not react fast enough to end it, the crisis could well spread into neighbouring Balkan countries and beyond," she said.

In the meantime, she said the party urged the Malaysian government to assist the refugees by offering some of them a temporary home.

Yesterday, in his first reaction to the Nato air strikes on Belgrade, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia fully supported the military action taken by Nato to force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to comply with demands that he stop the aggression in Kosovo.

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