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Albright has no right to tell us what to do

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MANY Malaysians share the sentiment of outrage by our Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar over the uncalled-for statement by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright about our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

This is a clear case of bullying and meddling in the internal affairs of Malaysia. She has also done that to other countries. She knows that America is a superpower and therefore she thinks she can throw her weight around. She is behaving worse than the Vice-President of America (Al Gore) when he was a guest at the last Apec dinner held here.

She has no respect for the majority decision of Malaysians who democratically elected Dr Mahathir as the Prime Minister of Malaysia recently. There is no necessity for her to give any advice to Malaysians unless she wants to cause trouble or destabilise the country.

She should keep her view to herself and not try to tell Malaysians what to do. Her post is only a nominated one and therefore she has no right to tell people how to exercise their electoral right.

However, if she is allowed to do that, can we also question the choice of the majority of Americans who elected President Clinton as the President of America? Doesn't the same question arise? Don't the Americans deserve a better leader than President Clinton?

In this case of comparison, President Clinton is a self-admitted liar under oath in a judicial process whereas Dr Mahathir (whatever faults he has) has not committed any criminal offence.

She has also always questioned the judicial process in Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's case. Is that her true reason? Or is there any other reason? Can we hear the truth?

Lastly, if she is allowed to do that, we can also question many of the cases decided by the American courts.