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DR MAHATHIR TICKS OFF US CONGRESSMEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the US congressmen who filed a resolution calling for the retrial of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim do not understand the rule of law.

"It looks to me that they do not understand what is right and what is wrong. Actually, these people should not be congressmen...they are not fit to become congressmen in the most powerful country in the world.

"If that is the kind of congressman they have, I am sorry for them," he said when asked to comment of the resolution filed by congressmen and women on Oct 27 calling on the Malaysian government to dismiss all charges against Anwar and hold a retrial.

Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail yesterday admitted that a movement headed by one of her top lieutenants was in charge of lobbying the congressmen and women to file the resolution.

Dr Mahathir, who was speaking after launching Rida-Mara Golden Jubilee celebrations at the Putra World Trade Centre here, said the rule of law does not permit the prime minister or the government to order a retrial.

"If they want a retrial, they will have to look for provisions in our laws whereby a retrial is permitted," he said.

The prime minister said if he were to order a retrial, it would mean that he had no confidence in the judges and had to remove them.

He said Malaysia was not bothered with the resolution because it could do no harm to the country but was ashamed with the act of its own people asking other country to attack the country.

"This is something that is reasonable treachery. You go to other people (and) ask them to attack your country in whatever way...that is wrong," he said.

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