

## problem will be resolved

KUALA LUMPUR: No country in the world will take kindly to being spied on by foreign powers, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

"I regret there should be incidents like this. In this age, spy activities on a target country can be done from far away.

"However, I sincerely hope the problem will be resolved amicably between the two countries," he said after visiting Angkasapuri.

Dr Mahathir said this when commenting on the standoff between the United States and China over the return of an American spy plane which made a forced landing in Hainan on Sunday.

MCA international affairs bureau chief Datuk Chor Chee Heung regretted that Washington acted as a policeman of the world.

"The MCA regrets that the US continuously displays its arrogance in dealing with the Chinese.

"The US should apologise as the plane collided with a Chinese plane which resulted in the pilot's disappearance.

"After being caught red-handed for spying, the US is now making demands on China," he said in a statement.

DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang said the US must bear responsibility and apologise for the collision.

"China has every right to examine the US spy plane now that it is on Chinese territory," he said.