

Bring culprits to justice, US urged

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KUALA LUMPUR. Fri: Wanita Umno legal bureau chairman Kamalia Ibrahim said today terrorist acts must not be fought with terrorism in return.

She said Wanita Umno condemns all forms of violence as it is a gross violation of human rights.

She said: "Such attacks (terrorism) halt freedom and safety. We sympathise with what has happened.

"I call upon the authority to relook at the definition of terrorism as I feel there is a need for a global definition and guideline as to how it should be dealt with."

She said those found guilty should be brought to the International Court of Justice.

Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammudin Tun

Hussein urged the United States, in the interest of world peace, not to resort to sweeping action following the attacks.

Washington should ponder carefully any action that it would take, he said.

He said Muslims in the United States were now living in fear because of the anti-Islam and anti-Arab sentiments which were heightened a day after the attacks took place.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Shahril Abdul Samad said the US should engage in discussions and cooperate with Islamic countries to understand the countries' developments.

He said: "I hope this would not affect the relationship between Western powers and progressive

countries like Malaysia.

Umno vice president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib said: "We do not condone violence to solve the problem. It is better if there is a solution through healthy discussion."

Muhammad said Islamic countries should improve their economic, educational, social sectors and master all essential fields to compete with others.

People's Progressive Party president Datuk M. Kayveas who also expressed sadness over the incident said such acts should be stopped.

He called on leaders of all movements to emulate Mahatma Gandhi who preached non-violence and still managed to gain independence for India.