

PM: M'sia won't back war against innocents

KUCHING: Malaysia condemns terrorist attacks but will not support any war against innocent people.

"We will support the US in its war against terrorism but we do not want to have a hand in any war against innocent people," the Prime Minister told a press conference here yesterday.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was responding to a report from the US that Malaysia had been listed as one of the countries that harboured international terrorists.

Dr Mahathir said he was saddened by the report, adding: "I do not understand what the US means by harbouring."

"We have Malaysians who have shown that they would take to arms to topple the Government but we will not hand them over to anybody.

"We will deal with them our own way. We have sufficient laws (to act against them)," he told reporters after meeting Barisan Nasional leaders here.

He said if there were others who came here to carry out any terrorist act, they would be arrested under Malaysian laws.

"We will hand them over under existing extradition laws," he added.