

PM: Hold global meet on terrorism

It would be best hosted by the United Nations

SUN - 6 OCT 2001

By Hemala Devaraj

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri: The United Nations should host an international meet on terrorism. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad suggests.

"It would be best hosted by the UN. And if not all countries attend this meet, at least the countries

affected by terrorism should be there," he said.

He called on the countries facing terrorism to attend the proposed meeting so that they can understand what exactly is terrorism and ways to combat it.

Mahathir said the issue was discussed at length at the Barisan Nasional Supreme Council meeting today.

He said leaders of all the component parties agreed on Malaysia's stand that while the United States should hunt down those responsible for the Sept 11 terrorist attacks, this does not mean Malaysia will agree to participate in a war against any nation.

Mahathir said Malaysia will not agree to wage war against any nation.

He said he would express his views on terrorism to US President George W. Bush.

"If we meet, we will talk about this," he said.

Mahathir also said the component parties were satisfied with the way the government has been handling militant activities including the use of the Internal Security Act to detain those involved.