

## Associated Press mum on demand for apology

PETALING JAYA: The Associated Press is keeping mum on the demand to apologise to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed over an article purportedly quoting him as saying that Israelis were terrorists.

Its news editor for Malaysia, Rohan Sullivan, said the American news agency had no comment to make.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's office on Tuesday said the article written by Sean Yoong titled "Malaysia's Mahathir criticises attacks on Afghanistan" was incorrect and mischievous.

"Yoong, intentionally or otherwise, had chosen to take the Prime Minister's statement out of context and referred the statement to US and British attacks on Afghanistan when this was clearly not the case."

"Given the far-reaching consequences of Yoong's mistakes, we demand Yoong and Associated Press issue a correction for the article and a public apology to the Prime Minister of Malaysia," the statement had said.