

Dr M: We'll still push for end to bombing

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia will continue to speak out against the US-led bombing of Afghanistan although its voice is being drowned by those getting more publicity from the Western-controlled media.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia would continue pushing for a halt in the attack as the whole thing was wrong.

He said the operation should have been carried out by the United Nations, and even then, only with the agreement of the international community.

“But what is happening now is the whole operation is being planned, strategised and carried out by the United States. It should have been an effort to eradicate terrorism worldwide and not just to avenge the Sept 11 attacks.

“We should go much deeper because terrorist groups are everywhere and are not represented by just Al-Qaeda and Osama (bin Laden),” he told reporters after launching a digital Quran yesterday.

Asked about a statement by former Afghan minister Dr Farouq Azam that he was one of the world leaders who could help restore peace in Afghanistan with the backing of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Dr Mahathir said:

“Some people like to make it as if I am very influential. but I don't know if I can be effective (in that role).

“I know from experience that there is very little that I can do in such situations.”