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AP ADMITS TO MISQUOTING DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- The Associated Press today admitted that it had quoted Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad out of context in its Oct 8 report on the Prime Minister's response to United States-led air strikes on Afghanistan.

"When (Dr) Mahathir said he would have supported the attackers if they had hit Israel as the perpetrators of terrorism against the Palestinians, he was referring to the terrorist attackers who struck the United States on Sept 11, not to US and British forces," an AP On-line report said.

The erroneous story by AP journalist Sean Yoong prompted the Prime Minister's Office to demand that the American news agency and the reporter concerned issue a correction and a public apology to Dr Mahathir for what it termed "incorrect and mischievous" report.

However, there was no hint of an apology to the Prime Minister in the AP's on-line piece today.

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