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AP issues correction to Dr M story

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - The Associated Press today issued a correction on its Oct 8 report which had quoted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad out of context.

This followed an official letter of complaint sent by the Prime Minister's Office yesterday over AP's report on Dr Mahathir's statement on the US-led attacks on Afghanistan.

In a story issued this morning, AP said: "In an Oct 8 story on reaction to the US and British attacks on Afghanistan, the Associated Press quoted Malaysian Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr) Mahathir Mohamad out of context.

"When (Dr) Mahathir said he would have supported the attackers if they had hit Israel as the perpetrator 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.

"(Dr) Mahathir did, however, criticise the US and British air attacks, saying they could further harden the mindset of terrorists.

"The AP regrets the error."

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