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AP KEEPS MUM ON DEMAND FOR APOLOGY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- The Associated Press (AP) Kuala Lumpur office has declined comment on the demand for it and journalist Sean Yoong to apologise to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over an incorrect report attributed to the Prime Minister.

"We have no comment at this stage," an AP representative said when contacted today.

A similar response was given when asked whether or not it had been in touch with the Prime Minister's Office on the matter or vice-versa.

The PM's office yesterday demanded that AP and the reporter concerned issue a correction and an apology over its erroneous report on Dr Mahathir's statement over the United States-led attacks on Afghanistan.

Among others, it said the prime minister's statement on the attacks had been taken, intentionally or otherwise, out of context, and that at no time did Dr Mahathir urge world leaders or US and Britain to attack Israel as implied in Yoong's article.

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