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DR MAHATHIR WANTS CIVIL SERVANTS TO VIEW TERRORISM SERIOUSLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants all civil servants to take a serious view of terrorist elements that have found their way into certain groups in the country.

He said that in view of what was happening in the world now, terrorist elements in the country must be given serious attention no matter how small they were.

He said terrorist-style activities which one never expected were now evident in the country like the daring Southern Bank robbery and the murder of former Lunas state assemblyman Dr Joe Fernandez.

He said there had been sketches on the Internet giving the idea that the aircraft attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon in Washington in the United States would also happen to the Petronas Twin Towers here.

"Don't believe what's on the Internet," he said at the monthly assembly of the Prime Minister's Department in Putrajaya today.

His speech was posted in the web site of the National Security Division of the Prime Minister's Department.

On the attacks on the US, Dr Mahathir said that actions by suicide squads would not solve the core problem but would only make things worse.

"As a result, today the world is faced with a terrible economic slowdown. The problem can only be resolved through consultation," he said.

He said acts of terrorism ostensibly to "teach" certain countries would only give cause for the possibility of a war.

"The independence of a country will be held hostage when another country attacks an independent country in retaliation for the terrorism and many innocent people will be the victims," he said.

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