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DR MAHATHIR SADDENED BY ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

SEPANG, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he is saddened by the attacks on New York and Washington Tuesday.

"I am sad that these attacks took place," he told reporters at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport here after deciding to cancel his planned trip to Britain last night.

He was scheduled to leave for London at 11pm.

Dr Mahathir expressed concern that the US would retaliate against those responsible for the raids and this in turn could claim more lives.

"What also worries me is that there will be retaliations and because of the attacks America will definitely retaliate.

"Retaliatory actions will cost more lives and more attacks will follow," said Dr Mahathir.

The prime minister said retaliations would not resolve any problem.

On whether Malaysians were in or within the vicinity of World Trade Centre towers which were reduced to rubbles after two airplanes ploughed into the structures, Dr Mahathir said: "So far we have not learned of any Malaysian casualties in the accident but there are definitely Malaysians in New York.

"The WTC is a tourist attraction during the day, it is not surprising if Malaysians are affected since there many Malaysians there," Dr Mahathir added.

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