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HOUSE DEBATES RESOLUTION ON US ATTACK ON AFGHANISTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- The Dewan Rakyat today debated an emergency resolution on the attacks on Afghanistan by the United States (US) and its allies.

Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Leo Michael Toyad, when winding up the debate, said it was too late as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had already stated Malaysia's stand on the issue.

In addition, he said Malaysia had also taken all necessary measures to prevent violence.

"I consider the resolution tabled as too late and it is merely for the purpose of seeking political mileage for certain groups," he said.

The resolution was tabled by Dr Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi (PAS-Kuala Terengganu).

In tabling the resolution, Syed Azman said the US attacks on Afghanistan touched on Malaysia's credibility and integrity as a Muslim country, as well as the violation of human rights which were fundamental to democratic practices.

He called on the government to urge the US to immediately stop the bombings on Afghanistan which had killed many people including women and children.

Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong), in debating the resolution, agreed with Dr Mahathir who had proposed that an international conference on violence be held.

"We urge the US allies to stop the attacks on Afghanistan and find other ways instead of war to wipe out all kinds of violence in the world," said Dr Tan who is also DAP national vice-chairman.

Government backbencher Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (BN-Bagan Datoh) called on PAS to clean up the party and expel its members who were involved with militant activities if the party was truly opposed to violence.

Another backbencher Datuk Ruhanie Ahmad (BN-Parit Sulong) said the decision of the US and its allies to attack Afghanistan was based on vague evidence.

Thus, he hoped Malaysia would voice its opposition to the attacks through the United Nations (UN) and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The Dewan Rakyat sitting continues tomorrow.

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