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Opposition parties express concern over Afghan attack

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Opposition parties today express concern over the US attack on Afghanistan and fears its security and economic implications.

Pas deputy president Hadi Awang said the attack was an act of extremism.

"We condemn the US and find the attacks an act of extremism. No proof has been shown, yet they have already acted violently," Hadi said in a statement.

He said Pas would continue to provide humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

DAP life adviser Dr Chen Man Hin said in Seremban that the attacks would be positive as long as US identify only military targets.

He said the threat of terrorism had to be removed to ensure long-term peace in the world, but in doing so, innocent people should not be affected.

"However, a war like this, especially involving the US and Europe, will have negative side effects on a global level, especially on the economy," he said.

Dr Chen felt the Malaysian economy would also be affected, especially in terms of rising prices of goods.

He said the United States should have discussed the attack in the United Nations before deciding to strike.

Dr Chen, in supporting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's call to discuss international terrorism at the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) in Shanghai, said discussions could prove to be a more effective deterrent against terrorism.

Parti Keadilan Nasional secretary-general Mohd Anuar Tahir urged the United States to stop the military strikes against Afghanistan as they would not prevent future terrorist attacks.

He urged the United Nations to intervene in the matter.

"We are very upset that the United States has decided to launch military attacks," he said in a statement.

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