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M'SIA SHOULD PLAY ACTIVE ROLE ON TERRORISM CONFERENCE, SAYS DAP

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- The DAP today called on the government to play a more active part in the proposal to convene an international conference on terrorism so that the war against terrorism will not harm innocent people.

"Although America is too preoccupied with actions to assuage its people, we must find ways and means to convince them against harming civilian populations. One way is the world summit," DAP national vice-chairman Dr Tan Seng Giaw said in a statement here today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had proposed a world summit on terrorism.

Dr Tan said that as a small country, Malaysia must cooperate with other countries to convene the world conference with American participation.

"We hope that America will take heed. Just as we don't like to see innocent Americans hurt, we also don't like to witness other innocent people harmed," he added.

The World Trade Centre in New York and the US military headquarters, the Pentagon, in Washington suffered terrorist attacks on Sept 11.

Meanwhile, Malaysian Youth Council (MYC) president Saifuddin Abdullah said the council objected to President George W. Bush's speech to the Congress and Senate today in which he said: "You're either with us or you're with the terrorists".

Saifuddin said what was most important was that although the US government had the right to retaliate, it must not be allowed to use this opportunity to determine the world agenda.

It should not hunt down all parties it regarded as terrorists to the extent that even those who were not terrorists became victims, he said in a statement.

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