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WASHINGTON RESPECTS MALAYSIA'S RIGHTS, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he believes the United States respects Malaysia's right to state its stand on terrorism and the US-led attack on Afghanistan.

"I believe they subscribe to the principle of freedom...I believe they will not restrict us from voicing our views because this is our right as a country," he said in the "Khas Bersama Perdana Menteri" programme aired over RTM tonight.

The Prime Minister said ties between Malaysia and the US were good and he believed that Washington respected Malaysia's stand on events that had happened.

"I am convinced that the present American government will accept that there will be views which differ from theirs.

"If they want all to be in agreement with them then this will hinder dialogues and debates," he added.

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