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Abandon American alliance

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THE credibility of Australia's politicians has reached a new low when calls for an independent Australian foreign policy come from outside the nation - in this case from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The reaction of Kevin Rudd, Australian Labor Party spokesman for the American ambassador, indicates that Dr Mahathir was close to the mark. Rudd said that "we have had nearly 100 Australians murdered in Bali in a terrorist attack".

The fact that they were murdered as a result of our slavish aping of American empire building would seem to be a very good reason to abandon