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DR MAHATHIR: M'SIA HAS WAYS TO HANDLE FOREIGN INCURSIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that if the United States sends it commandos to Malaysia ostensibly to arrest members of the Al-Qaeda group, such action will be regarded as an incursion.

The prime minister said that Malaysia had its own ways to handle any incursion by any country.

"If (they) come to our country, we will regard it as an incursion," he told a news conference after launching Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar), here.

He was asked to comment on a news report that the US proposed to send its commandos to any country to catch or kill Al-Qaeda leaders suspected to be in these countries.

The report quoting the New York Times said, among others, that for the plan to work, Washington need not inform the country concerned about the operation.

The Al-Qaeda group is linked to Saudi-born millionaire Osama bin Laden who is Washington's prime suspect in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon in Washington on Sept 11 last year.

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