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MALAYSIA TO DISCUSS US, BRITISH RAIDS ON IRAQ WITH OIC

CYBERJAYA, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said today Malaysia will discuss the latest United States and British air raids on targets in Iraq with other Islamic countries.

He said Malaysia would voice its disagreement over such attacks on Iraq and would not in any way be involved in such actions.

"We will contact other Islamic countries," he told reporters after a meeting with members of the International Advisory Panel on the Multimedia Super Corridor (IAP-MSK) here.

He said this when asked to comment on the reported raids on western Iraq and in the no-fly zone, in the southern part of the country.

According to news reports in London, 100 US and British warplanes had taken part in the strike.

Expressing sadness over the strikes, Dr Mahathir said this would not help efforts to wipe out terrorism.

"This will give rise more to anger among certain groups and the cooperation to fight the terrorists will probably be stifled," he said.

On PAS's failure to fulfil its pledges, Dr Mahathir said he was not surprised over the party's attitude.

PAS was bold enough to make all kinds of pledges even though it knew it could not fulfil them.

On efforts to encourage young people to be innovative and creative in the field of IT, the Prime Minister said various forms of training were being given in the MSC by IT involved companies.

"They have pledged to provide training so that we will get new ideas... even today our technopreneurs met with the IAP members to discuss various possibilities," he said.

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