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Pas backs PM's statement about lack of justice in the world

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Pas welcomes Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that he was unhappy with the lack of justice and democracy in the world.

Dr Mahathir said this on his return from the Fourth Asia-Europe Meeting in Copenhagen, yesterday.

Pas acting president Abdul Hadi Awang, in a statement, also expressed support for the Prime Minister's remarks that he was dissatisfied with the action of the United States and its ally Britain against Iraq, although Iraq had allowed United Nations arms inspectors into the country.

"If the Prime Minister feels that there is no justice and democracy in the world, we, Pas and the Opposition, also feel that there is no justice and democracy in this country," he said in a statement today.

Pas also expressed its disappointment with the Government for succumbing to American and Singaporean pressure to arrest those alleged to be Kumpulan Militan Malaysia members.

Hadi urged the Government to be open and to revive democracy.

He added that the Government should emulate several democratic practices in the West in allowing the Opposition to use the media and the freedom of speech.

Freedom of speech would revive democracy and highlight positive and negative views, he said.