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RESPECT TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL NATIONS, DAP TELLS US

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- The DAP today lambasted the United States for arrogantly threatening to send commandos into any country in pursuit of terrorists without having to inform them first.

"The United States should not consider itself to be the world's policeman, having powers to act as it pleases in any part of the world," party deputy chairman Karpal Singh said in a statement.

He said the United States should not defy international law and as a super power, it should set a good example, not show its might without any concern for the territorial rights of other countries.

Expressing support for the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that Malaysia would consider such action as an incursion, Karpal said the country should be steadfast in its stand to repulse any incursion by any country, including the US.

"The United States should not flex its muscles by illegal incursions into other countries," he said, adding that "it has to play by the rules whether it likes it or not."

The United States was obliged to accept and respect the territorial integrity of all nations, he said.

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