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UMNO YOUTH, MYC CONDEMN U.S. AND BRITAIN FOR ATTACK ON IRAQ

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth has condemned the United States and Britain for launching an air raid on an Iraqi defence installation on Thursday.

Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said the strike was totally inappropriate and without basis since it was done without the blessing of any international body.

"The action of these two major powers shows how arrogant they are to dare carry out the attack without having evidence that Iraq is a threat to any party," he said in a statement here today.

He said the U.S. and Britain should not launch any further attacks on Iraq to prevent the loss of innocent lives.

"Umno Youth hopes that Islamic countries would be united in opposing the attack and ensure that the cruelty committed against Iraq be stopped immediately," he said.

The Malaysian Youth Council (MYC) also expressed its strong disapproval of the attack, saying it was unjustified and went against international opinion.

Its secretary-general Norizan Sharif said MYC was holding to a report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and a statement by former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter which said that there were no nuclear activities in Iraq.

"MYC hopes that this attack was not launched for President Bush's domestic political interests as it has major implications and can affect world political stability and peace," Norizan said in a statement.

He said MYC agreed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that the attack could affect the international war on terrorism.

"If the United States is serious about the war on terrorism, MYC urges it to focus on Israel which has been perpetrating inhumane violent actions against the Palestinians all this while," said the statement.

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