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PM condemns attack on UN office

PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the bomb attack on the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad on Tuesday was beyond his comprehension but urged the world body to stay put in Iraq.

"I don't understand why it's aimed at the United Nations. The UN is not at fault," the prime minister said when asked to comment on the blast that killed at least 20 people, including top UN envoy to Iraq Sergio Vieira de Mello.

He described the perpetrators as those who were willing to go all the way to create mayhem or inflict injury and death on others.

In **Kuala Lumpur**, UN Special Envoy to Myanmar Tan Sri Razali Ismail, expressed shock over the death of Vieira de Mello. He told Bernama he and Vieira de Mello had been close friends after meeting in Malaysia during the height of the Vietnamese refugee crisis in the '70s.