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MALAYSIA WON'T GET INVOLVED IN ACHEH CONFLICT

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- Malaysia does not want to be drawn into the conflict in Aceh, where separatists are fighting the Indonesian government, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The prime minister said Malaysia did not want to be involved in the internal affairs of Indonesia.

However, Malaysia had to make sure that it was not affected by the Aceh conflict, he told reporters after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting here.

"We have to watch out for the people (Achehnese) running to Malaysia for refuge," said Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president.

He said this when asked to comment on the clash between members of the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) and Indonesian troops.

Indonesia launched an all-out military operation against the rebels in Aceh province on Monday following the breakdown of peace talks between the government and GAM in Tokyo over the weekend.

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