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IT'S MORE DANGEROUS IN THE US THAN IN MALAYSIA, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KOTA KINABALU, May 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today questioned the necessity for the issuance of the latest advisory by the United States State Department warning Americans against visiting Malaysia, especially Sabah.

The prime minister said that it was in fact more dangerous in the United States than in Malaysia.

"They want to stay in their own country because they think they are safe (but) I like to remind them that the attack on the World Trade Centre is in America, not here. So America is much more dangerous than Malaysia," he told reporters at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport at the end of his two-day working visit to Sabah.

He said the US, having brutalised many people, were now frightened that people might go after them.

"So they are afraid to go anywhere and although Sabah and Malaysia are absolutely safe, they dare not come here," he said.

Responding to A question on whether there were motives behind the frequent issuance of such advisory, Dr Mahathir said: "There could be."

"Of course they accuse us perhaps of not ensuring the security of foreigners in this country and maybe because of that they have an excuse to do something about Malaysia...maybe try to have a regime change."

"We haven't reached that stage I think, but before also, with Iraq, it was the same thing, accusations which are false that Iraq has got weapons of mass destruction.

"So that was an excuse to invade Iraq and now they did not find any weapons of mass destruction," he said.

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