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MAHATHIR SAYS US SOLDIERS IN IRAQ LACK DISCIPLINE

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ABU DHABI, May 5 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has described as "terrible" the reports of torture and humiliation of Iraqi prisoners by American and British soldiers.

He said the conduct of US soldiers in Iraq showed that they were not disciplined.

"The US soldiers in Iraq do not seem to be acting with discipline," he said.

"This is terrible," Dr Mahathir told Bernama here on the sidelines of a conference on Tuesday.

The US administration is currently trying to control the global fallout of recent news reports and photographs that showed its soldiers mirthfully abusing naked Iraqi prisoners in a jail.

Photographs showing British soldiers maltreating Iraqis under their captivity have also been published in the media.

Dr Mahathir urged Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) countries to condemn such treatment of Iraqis at the hands of occupation forces.

The OIC should respond to these developments, he said.

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