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Championing the weak

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WHEN I heard Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech in Parliament on TV, I was extremely proud to be a Malaysian. He is right in saying we have returned to the Stone Age where might is right, small and weak countries no longer feel safe and that in future, the borders of independent nations can be breached at the whims and fancies of the superpower.

Dr Mahathir tells it like it is. I am sure many leaders feel as he does but few dare to openly and boldly criticise the US.

We may be a small country of only 25 million people. The US may be more than 10 times larger in terms of population. Possessing all types of bombs and nuclear weapons, it may be much, much stronger than us. And as the world's largest economy, it is hundreds of times richer than we are.

Small, defenceless and much poorer we may be, but Dr Mahathir has shown that we are not afraid. We will not be persuaded by bribes or intimidated by threats. We will do what we think is right and we will say what needs to be said.

I salute Dr Mahathir for speaking up for the poor people of Iraq who have been bombed by Bush Senior and now Bush Junior and who have suffered from 12 years of economic sanctions.

Dr Mahathir is a true leader of the Non-Aligned Movement and he will be a great and fearless chairman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

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