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Abdullah: No decision by OIC to use oil as weapon

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - The Organisation of Islamic Conference has not decided to use oil as a weapon to settle a possible US-led war on Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the informal OIC meeting held here after the NAM Summit had only discussed the matter and not arrived at a decision.

Speaking after meeting police personnel who were on duty at the NAM Summit at the Police Training Centre here today, he said: "At the Press conference after the meeting of OIC leaders attending NAM, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement on the use of oil as a weapon was not based on any decision made at the meeting.

"The matter was only discussed at the meeting and needs to be studied further."

He said Dr Mahathir had also said that a careful study was needed on the positive and negative effects of using oil as a weapon.