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Bring quick end to war, USM's Iraqi students urge world leaders

PENANG, Sat. - Iraqi students at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) here today urged world leaders, including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to help bring about a quick end to the US-led war against Iraq.

Their spokesman, Basil Qahtan Muhamad, said Iraq would be anni-hilated if the world did not stop US hegemony.

"We are pleading with global leaders such as Dr Mahathir to save Iraq and its people," he said during a peaceful demonstration for global peace and an end to the Iraqi war at the USM field here today.

About 2,000 USM staff and students took part in the demonstration.

They were joined by the chairman of USM board of directors, Tan Sri Ani Arope, and Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dzulkifli Abdul Razak.

A USM "Iraqi Humanitarian Fund" was also launched with a RM5,000 contribution by USM. USM aims to collect RM20,000 from staff and students within a month.