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Bush failing as a leader

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I LAUD the stance taken by France and Germany, which are close allies of the US for not supporting unilateral military action against Iraq.

The anti-war stance taken by these two leading countries of the European Union reflects the level-headedness of their leaders in tackling a serious global issue, unlike Britain, which is losing her grip as a leader in foreign policy matters and which appears eager to be subservient to the US.

Although other member countries of the UN Security Council such as Russia and China are opposed to the war plan, as well as millions of people all over the world including in the US, President Bush does not seem to heed the voice of the majority.

This shows how the American leader is defiant of world opinion to the extent of threatening to circumvent the UN and being hell-bent to finish off a regime that his father had failed to do earlier.

Doesn't he realise that violence begets violence and such an unilateral action against Iraq would fan the hatred of radicals and incite further terrorist attacks against the Western world?

I feel sorry for the American people who have a leader like Bush.

He should focus his efforts on restoring the American economy instead of going to war, which would cost billions of dollars, not to mention the loss of properties and human lives.

Why can't Bush give peace a chance and let the UN carry on its rightful role handling the issue of disarmament in Iraq?

It makes me sick whenever I hear Bush's rhetoric of being a Godfearing person and his relentless effort to preserve peace for the betterment of mankind.

The world today needs more leaders like Jacques Chirac and Gerhard Schroeder, not forgetting our own Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and