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Bush is a menace

FORMER Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had on a number of occasions warned of the danger to world peace posed by the US under President George W. Bush. This is particularly true of its actions in the Middle East and support of Israel's aggression. Dr Mahathir was accused in some circles of being alarmist and overly critical of America.

Now, George Soros, a Jew whom Dr Mahathir had derided as a "moron" for his role in the 1997-98 financial crisis, says that America under Bush is a menace to the world. And he is committing millions of dollars to defeating Bush in the 2004 presidential race. His reason for the campaign against Bush is frightening. Soros states the "supremacist" ideology that guides the current White House reminds him of his childhood in occupied Hungary and has echoes of his experiences under Nazi and Soviet rules. Soros obviously knows what he is talking about.

Americans are fond of reminding the world that their president is the most powerful man in the world. This is no idle boast, because it is true. Bush leads the world's sole economic and military superpower and how he wields this immense power literally determines the fates of individual nations, and indeed the world. It is precisely this that America under Bush is a source of worry to those who love peace because, instead of channelling this power to reduce tensions, he is striking fear everywhere, including among the European leadership, except Britain's Tony Blair.

Bush is making the world unsafe because of his unilateralist approach in settling disputes, ignoring the United Nations and his readiness to use military force. Now, he's found a new enemy in Soros.