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DAP supports PM's warning on Iraq being 'side issue'

SEREMBAN, Sun. - DAP today expressed its support for the warning issued by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos and Malaysia's stance that Iraq was a "side issue" to the fight against terrorism.

Its national chairman Lim Kit Siang said DAP fully supported the PM's Third World War warning issued in Davos.

He said it was clear that an American war on Iraq was not about terror, weapons of mass destruction or democracy, but about oil and American hegemony as said by Dr Mahathir.

"There is powerful evidence that weapons of mass destruction are a mere pretext for the American President to go on a warpath.

"An American war against Iraq is a foolish diversion from fighting terror as it is a surefire way to fan the flames of terrorism."

The DAP called for an all-party roundtable conference to support Dr Mahathir's speech.

He said Dr Mahathir's speech demonstrated that all political parties in Malaysia, whether in Government or Opposition, were united as one in their stand of "No War In Iraq" regardless of their political differences.

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