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Dr M must take lead for OIC to champion Muslim cause

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IT is time for the Organisation of the Islamic Conference to act against American occupation and Israeli terrorism in the Middle East.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's strong criticism of the blatant lie by the Bush administration about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq demonstrates the Prime Minister's consistency on the "mass deception" by the White House.

The continued sufferings of Palestinians need to be addressed urgently, the sovereignty of Iraqis must be restored immediately but, most importantly, the oppression of Muslims worldwide warrants serious attention before it's too late to do anything.

The OIC Summit in Putrajaya is the ideal platform for Malaysia to champion issues concerning the Muslim world and an opportunity for the outgoing Prime Minister to leave a legacy in the weakening organisation.

I appeal to Dr Mahathir to use his influence as chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement to convince the OIC to press for a tough resolution against Muslim oppression.

In Dr Mahathir, the OIC finally has someone who not only commands the respect of Islamic countries, but also the United Nations and the Western countries that share Malaysia's stand on Iraq and Palestine.

A strong resolution is needed from the OIC encompassing political, economic and military aspects condemning the Iraqi invasion and aggression against Palestinians.

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