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`Bush knows nothing outside of the US'

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - US President George W. Bush knows nothing about the world outside his country but acts as if he is the connoisseur of world politics.

And obviously the US president had once again shown the world what a big liar he is, said Umno Youth Exco member Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed.

Nur Jazlan was referring to Bush's statement during his Indonesian visit on Wednesday that he "rebuked" Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Summit in Bangkok.

Nur Jazlan said Bush was upset because some of his top officers in the US administration were Jewish.

"Even so, if he really criticised Dr Mahathir face to face on his remarks about the Jews, he will be jeered at by everyone because Dr Mahathir's speech was based on historical facts."

At the opening of the 10th OIC Summit, the Prime Minister said the Jews control the world by proxy.

Nur Jazlan said an article by The New York Times recently reported that Bush was appalled to find out that some of the Asian countries classified the US as anti-Islam.

"He thought he knew everything but he was shocked at the Apec Summit."

Nur Jazlan said unlike Bush, Dr Mahathir would always take the initiative to find the truth behind every fact. "Bush would only rely on what other people say."

On Dr Mahathir's experience with a New Zealand journalist who harassed him about democracy in Malaysia, Nur Jazlan said the journalist should learn more about Malaysia.

Federation of Malay Students' Union president Datuk Suhaimi Ibrahim agreed that Bush's assertion that he rebuked Dr Mahathir at the Apec Summit was the "biggest lie of all".

He said if Bush could lie to the world that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, it would not be surprising if he lied about rebuking the Prime Minister.

Suhaimi said Bush did not dare to face Dr Mahathir.

"I challenge Bush to debate with Dr Mahathir openly. Let the world leaders know that Bush has been lying.

"Dr Mahathir has no hidden agenda and he always voices out his opinion honestly," he said.

Suhaimi also said Bush was pressured by the Jews to make statements against Dr Mahathir.

"The Western media are controlled by the Jews and they do not want anything bad said about them," he said, adding that Bush had to satisfy the Jews by saying he rebuked Dr Mahathir.

Malaysian Youth Council deputy president Abdullah Abu Bakar said he was not surprised by Bush's statement.

"This is because he is merely trying to safeguard his political interests," he said.

Agreeing that Bush's statement could be to support his Press officer who earlier told the Press that the US president had rebuked Dr Mahathir, Abdullah said it could also be seen as an attempt to discredit Dr Mahathir.

"Bush wants to continue his 'fight against terrorism' campaign and wants the Southeast Asian countries to co-operate with him," Abdullah said.

