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Iraqi minister: Use speech to revitalise movement

DESCRIBING Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's strongly worded speech yesterday morning as the "vital spirit" to revitalise NAM, Iraqi Foreign Minister Dr Nadji Sabri said leaders present at the summit must strive to understand the Prime Minister's words in order to be able to see the reality of the world today.

"That (speech) is the spirit of NAM, what Dr Mahathir said is the pure spirit of the movement. If we would like to revitalise this movement we have to look and read carefully into the words of his excellent speech because it truly represents the spirit of NAM and the way to revitalise the movement and the politics of the world," Dr Nadji said.

Repeatedly praising Dr Mahathir for his firm stand against war and the injustices and double standards in the world today, he said NAM is gifted to have the "brave and bold" leader as its chairman, even if it is for a short period.

"His unwavering anti-war message and warnings cannot be ignored by anyone. War is the way for the enemies of the world, only they promote the idea of war. Peace should be the slogan and desire of everybody.

"Anybody who claims that he is democratic should first listen carefully and respond to the appeal for peace by the millions of people around the world," Dr Nadji said.