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PM: US policy on terrorism will result in more terror attacks

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The United States' bid to "out-terrorise the terrorists" will result in more terror attacks, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Commenting on suicide bombings in Morocco's biggest city Casablanca yesterday which killed at least 40 people, the Prime Minister said: "I foresee these kinds of attacks in many places."

"We have already said that attempts to combat terrorism by killing and invading other people's countries will bring about dire consequences. Now look what has happened.

"I have already asked for attention to be paid towards curbing Israeli aggression against Palestine as this is fuelling the anger of Muslims and spurring them to seek revenge," Dr Mahathir said after presenting his keynote address at the 13th national-level Workers' Day celebrations at Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil.

He said, however, that America felt that "if one of their people is killed, they must retaliate and kill 10 others. If more is done, then they must invade other countries apparently in a bid to out-terrorise the terrorists".

Asked whether his statement that terror attacks were likely to occur in many places included Malaysia, Dr Mahathir said: "I cannot rule that out completely, but we have taken every precaution and we know we are safe.

"The people who are not safe are those who attack other countries and kill people. If they do that they are not safe wherever they are."

On whether he meant Americans were not safe, Dr Mahathir said: "Americans, British, the people who attack Iraq, Australians."

In the Morocco bombings, about 100 others were wounded. This was the first major attack of its type in Morocco in recent years and followed suicide bombings of expatriate housing compounds in Riyadh on Monday that killed 34.