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Those who stand up branded as terrorists

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I REFER to the statements by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from Damascus (NST, Aug 20).

The disparity in accessibility to arms between two embattled groups does not help the peace process simply because the one group which has the upper-hand will usually bully the weaker side.

This lopsided affair is made worse when a prejudiced third party with a secret agenda comes in between to broker for peace.

The history of the world is replete with many examples of divide-and-rule policy pursued by Western powers in many countries.

China, for instance, fell victim to Western powers because it was the weaker side.

To be blind to this is like trying to deny the existence of North and South Korea and many other divided nations, which once enjoyed solidarity.

Twenty years ago, those nations which refused to be divided and became estranged were branded as communists.

Now, those who refused to be divided and are estranged are called terrorists.

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