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Wake-up call to Muslims

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THE furore and ire that has poured forth from the United States and the western world on the subject matter of 28 words in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the recent OIC Summit, has no precedents.

These 28 words seemed to have rekindled some historical conscience in the souls of non-Jews of European descent.

There are "Holocaust" museums in New York and other cities around the world, which literally mean the same thing except more lurid pictures are exhibited. No one complains that these museums are racist.

So why is there so much fuss about 28 words on a historical matter, which is generally well-known to Americans and Europeans? The speech was a "wake-up call" to the Muslim world to re-orientate its thinking towards a more effective and non-violent way to achieve a positive result after more than 50 years of bloody conflict.

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