



Dr M: If they can make Avatar, they can make 9/11
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After James Cameron's sci-fi blockbuster 'Avatar', former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad is now having second thoughts about the attacks on the World Trade Centre in 2001.

He believes that if the Americans can produce such a movie, with all its technological wizardry, then staging a so-called terrorist attack would not be a difficult task.

"I am not sure now that Muslim terrorists carried out these attacks. There are strong evidence that the attacks were staged. If they can make 'Avatar', they can make anything.

"Killing innocent people to provide an excuse for war is not new to the US," he said while launching the maiden assembly of the General Conference for the Support of Al-Quds (GCSQ) in Kuala Lumpur this morning.

The GCSQ is a newly formed pressure group formed by Islamic and Arab states to seek the right of return for Palestinians to their ancestral land which has been occupied by the Jews.

Meanwhile, Mahathir who sported a Yasser Arafat style 'Keffiyah', also touched on the historical perspective of the conflict, noting that the British carved out the state of Israel from the Palestinian heartland.

"Jews have always been a problem. They have to be confined to ghettos and periodically massacred. But they still remained, thrived and held governments to ransom.

"Even after their massacre by the Nazis of Germany, they survived to continue to be a source of greater problems for the world. The holocaust failed as a final solution," he said.

Therefore, he added, creating a state for them was deemed as a better solution.

'Palestinians sacrificed'

Mahathir explained that an European territory could have been allocated to make a permanent ghetto for the Jews.

But this, he said, would cause the affected European state to "rise up in arms and kill all the Jews in the way that they have been doing before."

As such, the former premier opined, as an alternative, "it was so easy to decide on Palestine."

Mahathir contended that as far as the western powers are concerned, "the Palestinians must be sacrificed to save the Europeans from the depredations of the Jews."

"Until the creation of the state of Israel on Palestinian land, the world was a secure place.



"But currently, for the West who sustain the settler state with moral, financial and military support, the danger of being attacked and killed anywhere in the world will always be there," he said.

For them, he added, "there can be no security."

He said if the west failed to win the hearts and minds of Muslims and continue to regard them as terrorists, then "they will have to accept that they have 1.6 billion enemies lurking in every corner of the world."

Remedy the ailments

Mahathir then opined that the only way for the west to make the world a secure place again for themselves is to eliminate the primary causes of the current Middle Eastern conundrum.

Most prominent of which, he said, is the fate of the Palestinians who were victimised by the setting up of the Jewish state.

"The world must remedy these ailments. At the very least, help implement the right of return for the Palestinian Arabs to their homeland," he added.

Speaking at a press conference later, Mahathir said the challenge which lies ahead for the GCSQ is to "change world opinion" and seek redress for Palestine.

Questioned on whether he thinks President Barack Obama would be of any help to solve the problem, Mahathir replied, "I am disappointed with him. He has failed. He did not keep his word."

Asked how the west, who he said created the problem in the first place, should help to formulate a solution, Mahathir replied, "That is up to them, but they can help by working towards allowing the Palestinians to return home."

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