

NEW STRAITS TIMES

DATE: 17 / 11 / 2007

## Let peaceful means prevail, leaders told

NST- 17/11/2007

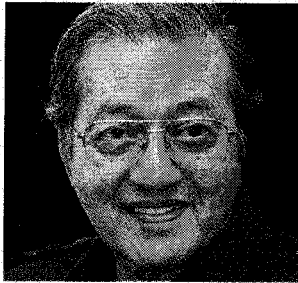
**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed yesterday urged world leaders to unite in promoting a peaceful resolution to the United States-Iran dispute.

"After the devastation in Iraq, one would have thought that war as an option to resolve international disputes would be rejected, except as a last resort or in self defence."

In a press statement, Dr Mahathir said millions of Iraqi citizens had been killed, displaced as refugees or had suffered torture. "The alleged crime, for which the world's citizens are called in to support, is that Iran is producing nuclear weapons.

"Now, despite statements by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that there is no evidence of Iran embarking on any nuclear programme, war mongering nations are once again claiming otherwise and demanding this to be an excuse for war."

"Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown has (said)



**Dr Mahathir wants a peaceful resolution to US-Iran conflict**

Britain will support and lead the war against Iran, while US President George W. Bush and vice-president Dick Cheney are equally ... belligerent in calling for a war against Iran.

"Are we to condone the mass killings of innocent civilians because of the folly and blood lust of their government leaders as was the case in World Wars One and Two?"

"Let us not repeat the century of killings and mass murders of the innocent. Peace and peaceful resolutions must prevail."