

Dr M: Bush, Blair liars and killers of children

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday lashed out at United States President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair saying that the world should remember them as "the killers of children" or as "the lying prime minister or president".

"What Blair and Bush had done is worse than what Saddam (Hussein) had done," he added.

In his keynote address at the three-day War Crimes Conference and Exhibition here, Dr Mahathir said these leaders, who used war as a means to gain support, should be accorded the names they deserved for the evil deeds that had been committed.

The conference, The Kuala Lumpur Initiative to Criminalise War, is organised by Perdana Global Peace Organisation, which Dr Mahathir chairs.

The conference will work towards setting up a permanent tribunal to hear charges levelled at warmongers, leaders and governments of aggressor nations, to determine their innocence or guilt and to prescribe punishment.

"We should not hang Blair if the tribunal finds him guilty but he should always carry the label war criminal, killer of children, liar.

"And so should Bush and the pocket Bush of the bushlands of Australia (referring to Australian PM John Howard)," said Dr Mahathir.

He said while the world might not be able to get governments to enact laws to label these leaders as "war criminals", non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the sympathetic media could append the label whenever their names were mentioned. —
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