

Mahathir backs Iraqi resistance

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He tells them to make US pay

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad threw his support behind the Iraqi resistance and told them to ensure that the Americans "paid a high price for their adventure."

Congratulating the Iraqi resistance, he said they might have to kill many Americans for their cause.

"The body bags will help the Americans realise that no one should hegemonise and do whatever they like in the world," he said in his closing address at the *Expose War Crimes - Criminalise War* conference.

The conference was organised by the Perdana Global Peace Organisation of which the former prime minister is the chairman.

Dr Mahathir said that while there were instances where Iraqis might have killed each other, they could have been instigated by those planning to divide and rule, and subjugate the people.

Iraqis, he added, only thought of themselves as Iraqis, not as Shi'ite, Sunni or Kurd. He said people might have been brought from outside to cause trouble in Iraq.

Dr Mahathir said the Spanish and Italian prime ministers who had once supported the American invasion of Iraq and supplied troops but had changed their stand while US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair were also no longer popular.

He said the Americans have not yet learnt their lesson and was

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still trying to acquire wealth through military occupation.

"The others have learnt their lesson and gone back," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the US-led war on terror was a trick to invade Iraq to control its oil. The target, he added, might actually be China which was growing to be a superpower.

He said currently there were only two superpowers - the United States with its military might, and public opinion, which could bring down even the most powerful of governments.

He called on people to mobilise the second superpower and "sow the seed of a new idea" that war is illegal and a crime.

He urged them to build networks all around the world so that people would only elect pacifist leaders.