

DATE 20/10/2009

Dr M: Globalisation just a Western trap

NST- 20/10/2009

PUTRAJAYA: Be wary of what globalisation may offer as it can be a new form colonialism and Western imperialism, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"If we don't stand up and stand our ground, we will suffer the same fate as the Native Americans in United States and the Aborigines in Australia."

He recounted examples from history where a country lost land because of re-delineation and disputes with

neighbouring countries.

"It may happen again, not through conquest, but other means, such as propagating a world without borders.

"Globalisation is simply an invention of the Western world," he said in a talk themed, "Strategic Positioning of the Malays in a World Without Borders", organised by the UiTM Alumni Association at the Perdana Leadership Foundation here yesterday.

He said while neighbouring countries had to "submit" to

"Western imperialists" under the guise of globalisation, Malaysia was lucky to escape it through good management of the currency.

"The Americans will not come up with a policy that's for the greater good, no. It's for their own self-interest, which is world domination."

But he said that Malays should not reject these ideas outright, but they should have the wisdom to know what could be accepted, and what could not.