PUTRAJAYA: The New World Order (NWO) is a ploy to overthrow sovereign nations and democracy to create a one-government, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the concept, which was conceived more than 100 years ago, was now being raised by the superpowers.

Lacking a democratic electoral system, Dr Mahathir said the one-world government would be led by the powerful and monied elite.

"There will be no borders. Globalisation and a world without borders are expressions that reflect the concept of NWO," he said yesterday at The New World Order, A Recipe for War or Peace conference, here.

"The elite want to have a borderless world and that means there will be no states and no nations, but only a single world government ruling everyone."

More than 500 people attended the one-day event. It was organised by the Perdana Giobai Peace Foundation, which is presided over by Dr Mahathir.

He was accompanied by his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.