

## **Iranian President Wants Muslim Media To Dispel Western Media Propaganda**

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TEHERAN, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran says the Muslim media should unite to dispel the propaganda against the Islamic world by the media aligned to the Western powers.

He said the reason for the setting up of the Press Union of the Islamic World is merely to seek justice and to see fair and balanced reporting about the Islamic world.

"Journalists are important people because you are dealing with the minds of the people. You must be precise and diligent and responsible in the news you produce," he said to participants of the conference on the formation of the Press Union of the Islamic World at his office in Teheran on Saturday.

Ahmadinejad said the atrocities against Islam are growing each day and this is proven by the incidents happening in the Islamic countries.

"They are doing this because they want to protect their interests and wealth and safeguard the interests of the Zionists," he said.

"The incident in Libya ... I know who is going to gain from the Libyan revolution. I have information that certain countries are going to get the oil from Libya, and this includes the oil drilling work there.

"I also know these are the same people and countries that are going to get some development projects in Libya after the revolution," he said without mentioning any names.

Ahmadinejad said the Muslim media should play a role in developing the minds of Muslims to enable them counter the negative or wrong perception of Islam portrayed by the Western media.

The revolution in Libya has caused the deaths of many Libyans, not due to clashes among them but because of the air strikes of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) forces, he said.

"After Libya, Nato's next victims may be nations in the Eastern bloc. I have information of this too," he added.

According to him, the Muslim media should adopt global thinking, besides being sensitive to the developments in the world.

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