

War With Iran And Syria Looming, Says Mukhriz

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KUALA LUMPUR -- Malaysia cannot afford to sit back and watch the war with Iran and Syria unfold, Peace Malaysia coordinator Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said Tuesday.

"It is worse when you know something is wrong and choose to ignore it than to be the force of evil itself. Malaysia has to step up the pace for we are far behind in the global peace movement," he said in a statement. While civil societies abroad were struggling to get their peace messages across to world leaders, Malaysia seem to be in a state of apathy, he said.

"It is sad indeed when good people don't do anything," he said, adding that "this is why Peace Malaysia is providing a platform for Malaysians to come forth for the cause."

He also urged non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to join forces in bringing together the Malaysian public in the quest for peace. They include key players in the peace movement like student bodies, religious groups, welfare organisations and activists.

To strengthen the message, Peace Malaysia, in collaboration with the Perdana Leadership Foundation, is organising a three-day International Perdana Global Peace Forum in Kuala Lumpur from Dec 15, he said. Mukhriz also said Peace Malaysia proposed to hold a peace-themed night market and a youth event in Kuala Lumpur next month and a public-speaking contest in December.

Also, in December, Peace Malaysia would be relaunched as Peace Malaysia Foundation, enabling it to work more efficiently with its NGO affiliates.

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