

Malaysia pledges RM3.5mil to Lebanon

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DAVOS (Switzerland): Malaysia has pledged US\$1mil (RM3.5mil) to help Lebanon in its rebuilding programme.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said he would instruct Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar to make the donation as part of Malaysia's commitment to help the war-torn nation.

But he was quick to point out that those who destroy Lebanon should take full responsibility in its rebuilding process.

He also said it did not matter which country was involved but the principle remained that those responsible for a nation's destruction should rebuild it.

"You destroy, you rebuild, I think that's a good principle," he told Malaysian journalists, when elaborating on his remarks at the plenary session on Rules for a Global Neighbourhood in a Multicultural World yesterday.

Abdullah also expressed Malaysia's appreciation to Princess Lollwah Al Feisal of Saudi Arabia, who singled out Malaysia as a model of multi-ethnic and multi-cultural harmony.