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US will pay heavy price, says Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the United States would pay a heavy price for occupying Iraq.

Citing what happened to the US when it went to war in Vietnam, he said the return of body bags changed the minds of the Americans about that war, and he predicted the same would happen with the invasion of Iraq.

"Many more US soldiers are going to die and go back in coffins and the US will understand what the war is about and their little adventure," he said at the closing the three-day Perdana Global Peace conference and exhibition here.

Mahathir, who was the chairman of the conference, told reporters later that other than countries with military might, there was another superpower in the world – public opinion.

"We are going to mobilise the second superpower, public opinion. I appeal to everyone around the world, including Malaysians, to work with us. We need volunteers, as we don't have much money," he said.

"Even if it takes 1,000 years or beyond my lifetime, we can make waging a war a crime."