

## Rahim: Sabahans support PM's call for world peace

KOTA KINABALU: Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister, Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail is confident that the people of Sabah fully support the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for world peace.

He said although such views were not welcomed by the United States and its allies, it was important that other nations voice out their objections against the superpowers' threats of war.

Even gestures of protest that adopted psychological methods can have impact because it is effective in garnering world awareness on adverse effects of war, he added.

"We have a role in making the rest of the world know that not everyone is

behind the US move to start war in Iraq," stressed Rahim.

He was speaking at the closing of a peace seminar jointly organised by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and The Peoples Alliance for Peace Malaysia here yesterday.

Meanwhile UMS Vice Chancellor Tan Sri Prof Dr Abu Hassan Othman said the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in Kuala Lumpur will provide the best opportunity for the world to hear Malaysia's call for peace.

He said the international community had urged the sole superpower to define terrorism and establish the cause for it but this call had largely been ignored by the US.

There was no balance of

power at present with the US alone remaining as the sole superpower, he said.

Under the circumstances, the United Nations had to find the best formula to ensure world peace and security, he said after presiding at the Malaysian Peoples March for Peace here.

"We hope that through the NAM summit the world attention will be drawn to the call for peace by Malaysians of all races who cherished peace and justice," he said.

He said even though Malaysia and many other countries had agreed to the war on terrorism, still what the nation aspired for was a lasting and comprehensive settlement based on the principles of justice and fairness.

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