

# Dr M: This travesty of a government must go

# 'Blockade Pretoria' call

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**NEW YORK, Mon. —** Malaysia today called for a blockade of South Africa by the world community and at the same time help to ensure that aid and supplies are sent to black African States affected by such action.

Addressing the 41st session of the United Nations General Assembly, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said:

"Sooner or later, <sup>or later</sup> this travesty of a government that sits in Pretoria and its hateful apartheid policy must go. Let us all help to make it go sooner rather than later."

The Prime Minister, who was the first speaker this morning, said it was time that countries which professed lofty principles and were ever ready to condemn and even subvert Third World countries for alleged suppression of freedom, translate into action what they preached.

South Africa must be freed and Namibia must be returned to its people, he added.

He laid the blame for the continued

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existence of apartheid on a few rich and powerful nations which could do the most to dismantle it, but would not do so.

Dr Mahathir said the "way forward now is to embark seriously on sanctions."

He noted that there have been arguments from certain countries that sanctions are ineffective and will only bring economic hardships to the frontline States and worsen the situation for the blacks in South Africa.

He agreed that sanctions would hurt the blacks — and South Africa may

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also hit back at them, but said a lot could be done by the world community to alleviate this suffering.

Dr Mahathir told the assembly that the Non Aligned Summit in Harare earlier this month decided to set up a solidarity fund for southern Africa.

But the support of the Western world and Japan is necessary if the aid is to have any substance or effect.

He said: "During the blockade of Ber-

lin, a vast airlift was organised to break the blockade.

"South Africa's counter blockade must be broken in the same way and with the same determination by the rest of the freedom-loving world."

On the dadah menace, Dr Mahathir called on the international community to declare an all-out war on drug abuse and trafficking in the deadly substance.

The International Conference on Drug Abuse and Trafficking scheduled to be held in Vienna from June 17 to 26 should come out with a definite plan of action and a firm political commitment by all participating nations to fight the menace.

Dr Mahathir said: "We would like to see such political commitment expressed in a joint statement or declaration."

On the Palestinian question, Dr Mahathir said the inability of the UN in resolving the issue has put the Middle East in a state of turmoil.

The world is witnessing a holocaust inflicted on the Palestinian people.

Israel is given what amounts to *carte blanche* to do whatever it likes through

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the support and protection of super-powers.

Israel's borders will continue to expand, annexing Arab land as it wishes and its action, however horrendous, will be justified in terms of safeguarding its national security.

The Palestinian people, on the other hand, have no legitimate recourse given their limited resources.

At the same time, they have to confront a hostile media which is dominated by the Zionists.

On disarmament, Dr Mahathir said the world has condemned itself to permanent fear of radiation and destruction.

It is horrifying that the survival of mankind is dependent on a "balance of terror."

"Malaysians are called barbarians because we hang convicted white criminals for drug offences, as we hang others for the same crime.

"What do we call people who threaten to wipe out the whole human race in fulfilment of their war strategy?"

Dr Mahathir also kept the issue of Antarctica alive in the General Assembly, reiterating that this vast ice-covered land mass should be managed for the benefit of all mankind and not just the signatories of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty.