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KUALA LUMPUR, OEC 19 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI REGIME OVER RECENT EVENTS IN THE GAZA STRIP AND THE WEST BANK WHICH KILLED ANOTHER THREE PROTESTORS YESTERDAY.

DECRIBING THE EVENT AS +SHOCKING+, DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR SAID THE INCIDENT ONCE AGAIN REVEALED ISRAEL'S BRUTALITY AND TOTAL DISREGARD FOR JUSTICE.

SUCH CRIMINAL ACT DISPLAYED ISRAEL'S GROSS DISRESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE, HE SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY.

IT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT- TWOPROTESTORS WERE SHOT DEAD IN CLASHES WITH ISRAELI-TROOPS IN GAZA'A SHAJA'IYE DISTRICT WHILE ANOTHER WAS KILLED BY ARMY GUNFIRE IN BUREIJ REFUGEE CAMP IN THE CENTRE OF THE STRIP.

THE KILLINGS BROUGHT-THE DEATH TOLL IN 10 DAYS OF UNREST IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP TO AT LEAST 17. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CALLED ON THE TEL AVIV REGIME TO RESPECT THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS TO THEIR HOMELAND.

HE SAID THEIR ACT OF CRUELTY AGAINST INNOCENT AND DEFENCELESS PALESTINIANS WERE INCREASING WHICH RESULTED IN TOO MANY DEATHS AND INJURY TO HUNDREDS OF OTHERS.

DATUK SERI DR NAHATHIR ALSO REAFFIRMED MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIANS IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

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