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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 13⁸⁸ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED THE ALLIES OF ISRAEL TO CONDEMN THE TEL AVIV REGIME AND STOP PROVIDING IT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT SO AS TO MAKE THE REGIME CEASE ITS OPPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID FRIENDS OF ISRAEL SHOULD REALISE THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE HAD EMBOLDENED THE REGIME INTO CONTINUING TO PERPETRATE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS AND CLOSING ITS EARS TO WORLD CONDEMNATION OF THE ATROCITIES.

+ALLIES OF ISRAEL SHOULD REALISE THEY ARE ABETTING A REGIME AS VIOLENT AS THE GERMAN NAZI AND SOUTH AFRICAN REGIMES,+ HE SAID AFTER RECEIVING \$300,028.53 COLLECTED BY VARIOUS BODIES FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S FUND AT HIS OFFICE HERE.

THEY MONEY WAS HANDED OVER TO THE PRIME MINISTER BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRIES, THE ARMED FORCES, STUDENTS AND TWO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE TEL AVIV REGIME THROUGH ITS MILITARY HAD COMMITTED ACTS OF CRUELTY AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS TO KILL THEIR SPIRIT TO DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS IN THE TERRITORIES SEIZED BY THE REGIME. -- MORE

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PALESTINIANS HAD BEEN SHOT AND BEATEN TO DEATH, BURIED ALIVE WHILE THE MILITARY HAD RECEIVED ORDERS TO BREAK THE ARMS OF PALESTINIANS WHO DEMONSTRATED, HE SAID.

DESPITE WORLD CONDEMNATION OF THE ATROCITIES, THE ISRAELIS CONTINUED WITH THEIR BRUTALITY AND RECENTLY, AS A RESULT OF INDISCRIMINATE FIRING UPON PALESTINIANS, SHOT THEIR OWN PEOPLE, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAD BEEN LIVING AS REFUGEES IN CAMPS FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS BUT THEIR WELFARE WAS NOT GIVEN THE SLIGHTEST ATTENTION BY THE TEL AVIV REGIME.

THE ISRAELIS HAD NOT LEARNT FROM THE TIME WHEN THEY THEMSELVES SUFFERED THE SAME FATE AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED THE DONATIONS TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S FUND REACHED THE PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO BUY FOOD AND MEDICINES. -- MORE

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HE HOPED MALAYSIANS WOULD CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND TO HELP VICTIMS OF ISRAELI VIOLENCE.

FOREIGN MINISTER DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR SAID A TOTAL OF \$456,345.24 HAD BEEN COLLECTED TO DATE.

OF THE AMOUNT, US\$30,000 (\$75,000) WERE HANDED OVER TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO) REPRESENTATIVE HERE LAST MONTH.

HE SAID US\$40,000 (\$100,000) WERE PRESENTED TO THE PLO WHEN HE ATTENDED THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN JORDAN RECENTLY. -- BERNAMA

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