

Israelis masterminded killing, says PM

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KODIANG, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the killing of the number two man in the PLO, Khalid Al-wazir or Abu Jihad, was masterminded by Israel and probably carried out with the help of Israel's allies.

Describing it as one of the most cruel killings, he said Israel's allies who assisted in the murder had sided with a power that resorted to terrorism.

These allies often condemned terrorism but they now sided with a power that resorted to this practice when they helped

Israel kill Abu Jihad.

The Prime Minister said Palestinians were still being oppressed by Israeli soldiers.

He was happy that many Malaysians had donated to the Palestinian Fund.

Dr Mahathir said the Iran-Iraq war, the hijacking of the Kuwait airliner recently and other violent incidents which occurred in the Muslim world showed that many Muslims still did not follow the teachings of Islam closely.

He said Malaysian Muslims should be thankful because they were able to live in peace.

Although there were some

misunderstandings among Muslims in this country, these could and should be resolved amicably.

Dr Mahathir called on Muslims in the country to abide by the teachings of Islam and to unite.

"If we are not thankful and do not unite, the country will suffer," he said, adding that Muslims should not allow minor misunderstandings to split unity.

He reminded them that the country's enemies had and would continue to exploit bickering among Muslims.