

Others should not suffer, says PM

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SERDANG, Thurs. — The Palestinians should not be made to suffer as a result of Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said they should not be made victims because of the action and mistakes of other people.

Dr Mahathir said he understood why the Saudi Government had insisted that it would continue to provide aid to the Palestine Liberation Organisation on condition that its leader Yasser Arafat was removed.

Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibnu Abdul Aziz had said that Mr Arafat, one of the key factors in the Palestinian issue, had destroyed the future of his people.

He said that before the war, Saudi Arabia had played an active role in trying to settle the Palestinian issue at international forums but there was a setback when Iraqi President Saddam Hussein politicised the issue during the war.