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KUALA LUMPUR, April 17, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister ⁹ ^(P) Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the people's response to his vision of a developed Malaysia by the year 2020 has been very good.

+Everybody wants to know what role he can play (in achieving the goal),+ he said.

The Prime Minister said he was confident that the target would be reached if the people worked hard to achieve the goal.

+Everybody must play his part whether he is a businessman, worker or administrator...provided we all work we can achieve it,+ he told reporters at his Hari Raya open house at Sri Perdana.

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The Prime Minister stressed that the government could only provide the direction and the guidelines towards achieving the goal and it was prepared to listen to all sectors on how to attain the target.

+But ideas alone will achieve nothing, it is the work that we put in that will have the effect,+ he said.

Asked about the Palestinian issue, he said the Palestinians should have the right to choose their own leaders.

+We agree to a middle east conference but the people of the middle east must be represented by the representative of their own choice.. We all talk about democracy and democracy gives the right to people to choose their own leaders.+

+if we impose upon them leaders of our choice then, those leaders are not democratic leaders.+

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said Israel had no right to say who should be the leaders of the Palestinians.

Malaysia would wield whatever influence it had to help resolve the middle east issue. -- Bernama

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