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YOU CAN DO IT, PM TELLS THOMAS CUP SQUAD

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ALOR SETAR, May 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Malaysian squad can beat Indonesia in the Thomas Cup final tomorrow to retain the Cup.

"We definitely have hope...so far they have proven themselves in terms of spirits and ability and what they need is to give their all to clinch victory," he said.

The Prime Minister said this when asked what words of encouragement he had for the Malaysian team.

"There is no need to talk about rewards. Now we talk about fighting for the race and country," he told reporters on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport here this afternoon to celebrate Hari Raya Haji in Kedah.

Although nobody promised the players any reward, they should still fight to the finish to defend the Cup, he said. -- more

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Later, at his residence, the Prime Minister gave away four cows for slaughter as sacrifice in conjunction with Hari Raya Haji tomorrow.

The cows were received by the people's representatives -- Haji Harun Mat of Kampung Titi Gajah, Haji Aziz Kasa of Kampung Lubuk Kawah, Jitra, Abdul Halim Daud of Kampung Jeragan, Changloon and Haji Ahmad Awang of Kampung Asam Jawa, Pendang.

Tomorrow the Prime Minister will perform Hari Raya prayers at Masjid Zahir here before holding open house at the Dewan Jitra in Jitra from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 3pm. -- Bernama

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