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## Arafat, says Mahathir

PENANG: Israel is trying to undermine the credibility of Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yasser Arafat in West Asia, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

Giving his reading of the development in that region, he said Israel was trying to decrease the support given to Arafat.

He said Arafat must be supported to make sure the Israeli attempt failed.

The Prime Minister also said that Malaysia could make up for the loss of market access to Israel by increasing its trade in other parts of the world.

"Malaysia has a lot of opportunities to trade in the whole world. With Israel, we may lose out but if we are diligent with the rest of the world, we can make up for it," he said.