

Manage aid well, Mahathir advises slain cop's family

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KUALA KANGSAR, Thurs: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised the family of Det Sgt R. Sagadevan, one of the hostages murdered by the Grik arms robbers, to carefully manage financial aid given for his children's future.

He said as a substantial amount has been given to the family, it is important that it be managed well for the welfare of the children.

Sagadevan left behind five children - a girl and four boys aged between 13 and 24.

Two are in school and one is studying at the Johor Baru Polytechnic.

Speaking to reporters after calling on Sagadevan's family at Perak River Safari

Resort, Mahathir said the contributions are a sign of appreciation of Sagadevan's sacrifice.

He also said that aid will be given to Sgt Mohd Shah Ahmad, who was taken hostage by the Al Ma'unah members during the five-day siege in Bukit Jenalek.

Earlier, Mahathir presented donations from Baiduri and Bakti and made a personal contribution to Sagadevan's widow Malikka and Mohd Shah.

Also present were Mentri Besar Datuk Seri DiRaja Mohd Tajol Rosli Ghazali, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz (who is Kuala Kangsar MP), Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Seri Nazri Abdul Aziz and Deputy Inspector General of Police Datuk Jamil Johari.