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Ruling on tinted windows may be reviewed

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Government may review the ruling on tinted windows on public transportation vehicles following the murder and rape of a computer engineer on a bus in Klang last Saturday.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the practice allowing buses to be covered with advertisements might also be reviewed for safety reasons.

The Prime Minister said it was difficult to see what was going on inside vehicles as buses were now heavily tinted or plastered with advertisements.

"I think we need to have a look at this again. Previously, it was disallowed but many appealed, so we gave the permission," he said after opening the People's Progressive Party's 47th annual general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre.

The Prime Minister said this when asked to comment on the brutal murder and rape of Noor Suzaily Mukhtar which was believed to have been carried out in a bus with heavily-tinted windows.

A bus driver has been remanded and is expected to be charged soon.

On a report that some members of the public had refused to help after being informed of the incident, Dr Mahathir said this was unbecoming, adding that some people "just know how to write to newspapers to condemn the Government".

Dr Mahathir was also asked to comment on the violence in Jerusalem which had undermined peace talks between Israel and Palestine.

"The talks should go on but Israel is not giving way at all ... it wants everything that it has demanded to be fulfilled," he said, adding that the killings from the clashes in the last few days between Palestinians and Israeli troops must be stopped as they would only escalate the conflict.

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