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GANG CLASH VICTIM GRATEFUL TO PM FOR VISIT

PETALING JAYA, March 20 (Bernama) -- A victim of the recent clashes between rival gangs in Jalan Klang Lama today expressed gratefulness to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for visiting him and the others at the Universiti Malaya Medical Centre (PPUM) here.

It clearly showed that Dr Mahathir cared for the welfare of people, the victim who refused to be identified told Bernama.

The victim said many VIPs visited them, including cabinet ministers and opposition leaders.

A PPUM spokesman said Dr Mahathir came last Sunday and spent about 40 minutes visiting those who were injured in the clashes on March 8.

He also met and talked with the relatives of the victims, the spokesman said.

Thirteen people are still being treated for various injuries at the centre, said Selangor police chief Datuk Nik Ismail Nik Yusuf when contacted today.

He said the victims were in stable conditions and several of them were expected to be discharged soon.

The clashes which occurred in settlements along the Jalan Klang Lama have left over 40 people injured and six others dead.

The police have also detained 233 people in connection with the clashes.

Nik Ismail said 75 of them had been charged in court for various offences, 28 released on police bail and the others detained for further investigations.

He said the police would continue to maintain their presence in the area.

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