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PM: Experience will benefit future leaders

SEPANG, Sun. - Seeing the sufferings of Afghan refugees will help future leaders become more sensitive and thankful for what they have in the country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the experience would benefit young leaders as they would realise how fortunate they were.

He said this at a Press conference before seeing off the second Umno Youth medical mission to Pakistan at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport tonight.

Dr Mahathir described the mission as a social work that should be emulated by all Malaysians.

He said while Malaysians celebrated Hari Raya, the people in Afghanistan lacked food and temperatures sometimes dropped to minus 10 degrees Celsius.

The team consists of four doctors, four paramedics and eight volunteers. They are expected to be in Chaman for a month and will take over from the first team.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein.

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