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DR MAHATHIR WARNS MUSLIMS OF FUTILITY OF WAR WITHOUT STRONG STRATEGIES

DENGKIL, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Muslims would be making a big mistake if they attack Israel blindly without strong strategies.

The Prime Minister said Muslims are still backward in terms of techniques and equipment of war and this could prove fatal to them.

"It's not just the question of numbers. It's the question of Muslims having no great strength. When we want to teach science, technology and engineering, they say this is secular. Now, they don't know how to make heavy guns, all have to be bought from others. Other people will not sell them to us, " he told reporters after the delivery of five Tenaga Nasional Berhad electric trams to Paya Indah Wetlands in conjunction with its first anniversary here today.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on a foreign agency report yesterday regarding a call by Iran Revolutionary Guard (Pasderan) Commander Yahyia Rahim Safari to set up a volunteer corps of 100 million Muslims be set up to free Palestine from Israeli occupation.

Yahyia was reported to have made the call when addressing 15,000 Pasderan members in Semnan, a town east of Tehran. He said that if only 10 per cent of the world's one billion Muslims joined the international force, the Israeli regime could be toppled.

Dr Mahathir said Muslims must first have strategies of war that would make them victorious.

"What should we go to war just to satisfy our emotions. If we want to go to war, we must do it in a way that we could win. When angry with people, you kill people, in the end nothing will be gained," he said.

He also rejected the possibility of Malaysia joining the force proposed by Pasderan because whatever move made by Malaysia to send its troops it would be through the United Nations.

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