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MERCY MALAYSIA SEEKS GOVT SUPPORT ON MISSION TO PALESTINE

PETALING JAYA, June 18 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Medical Relief Society (Mercy Malaysia) is seeking the government's support to send its medical and humanitarian relief team to the Palestinian refugee camps.

Its president, Datuk Dr Jemima Mahmood said that since all entry points to the Palestinian territory were controlled by Israeli forces, it hoped that Wisma Putra could find a way for the team to operate there safely.

Mercy Malaysia would like to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss the issue, she told a news conference, here, today.

Dr Jemima said the mission to Palestine was with regards to the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the society and the Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS).

"QRCS is already operating in Palestine and has invited Mercy Malaysia to participate in its programme and we have agreed to become a partner," she said.

On the society's mission in Afganistan, Dr Jemima said Mercy Malaysia did not intend to evacuate from that country despite the ongoing crisis between India dan Pakistan.

She said that currently the society operated a secondary care hospital in Spin Boldak, southern Afganistan and also managed the obstetrician and gynaecologist wing of the Kandahar Mirwais Hospital.

Mercy Malaysia had sent 16 missions to Afganistan since October last year to provide medical and humanitarian relief.

Dr Jemina also said that Mercy Malaysia would be organising an international symposium on medical and humanitarian relief on July 4.

The one-day symposium would bring together doctors and professionals of relief organisations from various countries to share their experiences and make suggestions for more effective medical and humanitarian relief missions around the world, she added.

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