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PALESTINIANS INDEBTED TO DR MAHATHIR, SAYS ENVOY

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- The Palestinians are indebted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his seriousness and sincerity in helping them, said its envoy to Malaysia Ahmed Al-Farra today.

He said the Palestinians could never repay such gesture by Dr Mahathir as well as the people of Malaysia towards their plights under Israeli occupation.

"Malaysia is fortunate to have a leader such as Dr Mahathir who is very serious in helping us," he told a large crowd at a gathering on Palestine and Iraq, organised by the Kelantan Umno, here.

Ahmed said that among the unforgettable deeds of Dr Mahathir was the role he played recently in helping to free President Yasser Arafat after the Israeli army surrounded his headquarters.

"It was a critical moment for (Yasser) Arafat and the Islamic leader he contacted for help was Dr Mahathir," he said.

He said such support had spurred the Palestinians to continue with their struggle to free their homeland through whatever ways and means.

"If any of us are killed, our children will stand up to fight Israel," he said.

Ahmed also urged Arab countries to pool their energy and resources to help other oppressed Islamic countries and not to fall prey to tactics of the United States which was preparing to attack Iraq.

Kelantan Umno Chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed meanwhile said Umno felt it was its responsibility to create greater awareness among Muslims in Kelantan in particular and Malaysia in general of the importance of unity to ensure that they would continue to remain strong.

During the function, Mustapa started the signature campaign in support of the people of Palestine and Iraq.

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