

PM: Be brothers once more

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Follow true teachings or risk oppression, Muslims urged

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CAIRO: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has sent a heartfelt message to all Muslims in the world on the need for them "to embrace each other as brothers and return to the true teachings of Islam," or risk being continuously oppressed and their religion treated with contempt.

The Prime Minister said that

peace and the brotherhood of Muslims were fundamental teachings of Islam, and if this injunction of Islam alone was upheld, there would be Muslim unity and the Muslims would be strong.

However, Dr Mahathir said Muslims the world over are disunited and prone to disputes and fighting each other because they were confused about various interpreta-

tions of the religion.

And the acts of terror that they are led to commit only give the enemies of Islam justification for putting more pressure on Muslims, the Prime Minister said.

Frustrated and angry, some Muslims resorted to terrorism, fighting and dying but not achieving any real objective like freeing them-

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