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FIND EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PROTECT OURSELVES, SAYS MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Muslims must find more effective ways to protect themselves rather than killing people to express their anger, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

He said they could start by making assessment of the problems besetting them and chart effective ways of doing things.

In an interview telecast over Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM) in conjunction with the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit, Dr Mahathir said the 57-member-organisation had the capacity to act but needed the will to do so.

The threats faced by the OIC were not from the outside but from within, he said.

Asked how Malaysia's chairmanship of the OIC could improve the situation, he said that aiming for total unity of the 1.3 billion Muslims in the 57 member countries would be difficult.

But if unity could be achieved in a significant number of endeavours that produced results, it could help formulate plans of action, he added.

Asked on the use of oil as a weapon, Dr Mahathir said it did not necessarily mean that they should cut back on production.

"We have to think. If you have a weapon you can use it in many ways...so we have to think of other ways rather than just mere cutting back on the production, depriving the world of the supply of oil," he said.

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