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MUSLIMS SHOULDN'T RESORT TO TERRORISM, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

JITRA, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Muslims should not resort to terrorism to free themselves from oppression as such action would only tarnish the image of Islam, said former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said they should make plans if they were to achieve success in their struggle against oppression.

To be in control of the world without resorting to violence, they could use God-given resources such as oil as leverages, he said at the breaking of the fast at the Bandar Darul Aman mosque here this evening.

Also present were his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

Dr Mahathir also condemned the recent bombings in Istanbul, Turkey which killed 25 people and injured 400 others.

In this respect, he regretted to note that a small number of Malaysians were misled into believing that terrorism could give victory to Islam.

Malaysia is a peaceful Islamic state and known internationally although Muslims only made up 60 per cent of the country's population, he said.

"In Malaysia, whatever we want we can have. We want mosque, we get mosque. The government also provides subsidy to people who need houses," he said.

During the function, Dr Mahathir also presented Hari Raya goodies to 300 senior citizens, single mothers and orphans in the Jitra state constituency.

He also received a thank-you card which reads "Thank You Prime Minister" from the students of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tanjung Pauh, Jitra.

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