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PEACE IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, July 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says world peace is not impossible to achieve but it would take enormous dedication and sincere efforts by those who desire peace to trigger the people worldwide. .

"We cannot remain indifferent to the dangerous trend the world has taken. The weapons are too dangerous and life too fragile for this to continue unchecked," Dr Mahathir said.

He said this in the foreward of a souvenir book in conjunction with the Kuala Lumpur World Peace Conference, organised by the Malaysian World Peace Foundation, to be held on Aug 9.

"One of the easiest things that Man has done since the days of the caveman is to pick up a cudgel. Now people use guns and nations threaten with nuclear weapons to demand what they want. But I still have hope in mankind. Peace is not impossible to achieve," he said.

He said Malaysia believed that peace is the birthright of everyone on earth, regardless of race or religion, where men, women and children are equal partners in the process to achieve peace.

"This Kuala Lumpur World Peace Initiative can only be a success if like-minded individuals and organisations provide vital support for the ideals expressed to achieve world peace. Together we will find a common ground," Dr Mahathir added.

He said the theme of the conference "Peace Is Possible" is a challenge to all to consider peace not from the approach of waging war but from the concept of peace for peace.

"It is easy to make war but within seconds precious lives are lost, ways of living destroyed and cultural heritages reduced to rubble," he added.

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