

# Mahathir lauds generous Malaysians

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**SUNGAI PETANI:** Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was touched by Malaysians who showed their sympathy to tsunami victims by donating generously.

"I am taken aback by the overwhelming response by the people.

"They have given more than what is needed by the victims at the relief centres," he told

RTM during a live telecast after visiting the SK Kota Kuala Muda relief centre, near here, yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said he had never witnessed such an extensive damage to the country before and urged the victims to stay calm.

"Malaysians are caring and donating generously," he said.

He said it was comforting to

know that the relevant authorities were also providing psychological counselling to the victims.

On the lack of aid from foreign countries, he said, Malaysia did not need any foreign help.

"In fact, we are providing help to others."

Also present was his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.