

# Dr M barred from Jerusalem

RAMALLAH (West Bank) Israel banned former Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, whose comments had in the past infuriated Jews, from entering Jerusalem on Monday while visiting the West Bank.

Dr Mahathir was delayed for an hour at the Allenby crossing from Jordan into the West Bank, where Israeli officials banned him from going to Jerusalem or the city of Jenin in the West Bank, said Palestinian prime minister Ahmed Qorei.

"I want to say to the entire world that this is the political mind of the occupation," Qorei told a joint news conference with Dr Mahathir in the West Bank city of Ramallah. — AFP