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MALAYSIA COMMITTED TO FORGING CLOSER TIES WITH KUWAIT, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia was deeply committed towards forging wider relationship with Kuwait and other Arab nations.

Although existing relations were very good, they should be strengthened further for the benefit of the peoples of both countries, he said in a special interview with the Kuwaiti News Agency, Kuna, here today.

He said Malaysia had no problems in forging cooperation with Islamic countries.

He said it was timely to further strengthen ties between Malaysia and Kuwait not only in terms of politics but also in terms of trade and investment.

He praised the move by the Kuwaiti government to open the Kuna office in Kuala Lumpur and hoped that the Malaysian National News Agency, Bernama, would also set up an office in Kuwait.

On Palestine, Dr Mahathir said the continued Israeli occupation of Palestine had caused enmity across the world and led to violence in the world today.

He said all parties, especially Israel and Palestine should sit down and discuss to achieve peace.

On violence, Dr Mahathir said the religion should not be dragged into it.

He said Islam was strongly against it but there were people who hid behind religion to influence others.

As an example, he said Malaysia had been looked upon as a progressive Muslim country in Asia and this was due to the open culture, mutual-respect and harmony between the people of various races and religions.

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