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Having guts to call a spade a spade

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IN the last few days, much has been reported about Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's comments at the Organisation of Islamic Conference Summit.

Many who have been vociferous in their accusations were not even born when the Jews who were persecuted by the European nations decided to return to their homeland.

Since 1947, when the state of Israel was created, the so-called coalition forces have supplied and armed Israel with the most modern weapons, and the Israelis (Jews) have over the last 50 years murdered the Palestinians with rocket-propelled grenades and armoured tanks, and occupied their land.

Numerous resolutions by the United Nations requesting Israel to relinquish the occupied territories have been ignored. The Palestinians fought back with stones and recently in desperation have resorted to suicide bombings.

Dr Mahathir has drawn the attention of the Muslims to an organised crusade by the militarily powerful Western world against the Palestinians, Iraqis, etc, and called the activity of the Jews a war by proxy. Rightly so.

Empires rise and empires fall. Superpowers emerge and disappear. Presidents and prime ministers appear and write their memoirs and sell them.

Dr Mahathir is an elder statesman who has steered Malaysia to become the second-biggest economy in Southeast Asia. At least one man has had the guts to call a spade a spade in today's world of hypocrisy and double standard.

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