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Thank you, Dr Mahathir

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Dear Dr Mahathir,

MAY this letter, written on board flight MH8803 from Port Moresby to Kuala Lumpur

We have put together this tribute issue as our sincere appreciation of your le  
In the course of our work, we had crossed paths on numerous occasions. I recal  
Many will agree with me if I conclude that a few of those battles were epics i  
I wish I could join you for a chat over a cup of coffee. But I suppose this le  
As for headlines, you certainly have had more than your fair share of them. Th  
I'm not exaggerating when I tell you that covering your assignment is both a l  
If we journalists, photographers and editors could "fault" you in so far as ou  
We could all understand why you kept to such a busy (and some say punishing) s  
We always wonder how you manage to keep up with such hectic itineraries abroad  
From what I gathered you are not about to take things easy after this. You'd p  
Thank you. I'd like to end this letter with an old pantun:

Pisang emas dibawa belayar

Masak sebiji di atas peti

Hutang emas boleh dibayar

Hutang budi dibawa mati

Yours sincerely,

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