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IMRAN PRAISES DR MAHATHIR FOR DEFENDING MUSLIM RIGHTS

DUBAI, March 17 (Bernama)-- Former cricket superstar-turned-politician

Imran Khan has praised Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir

Mohamad for defending the rights of Muslims.

Khan, who is the chief of the opposition Tehrik-e-Insaf

(Movement for

Justice) party in Pakistan, said that Islamic countries must raise their

voice against violation of the human rights of Muslims.

Dr Mahathir and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz had

championed the cause of Muslims and the two leaders should

"coordinate

efforts" in defending Muslims in places like Palestine and Chechnya, the

suave Pakistani politician told reporters in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

(UAE) yesterday.

He described the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) as a "timid"

body and said the Muslim voice was not heard in the West because it was

"incoherent and disjointed."

He condemned Israeli brutalities against the Palestinian people and

said the Jewish state was defying all international laws due to the "support from the strong Zionist lobby in the United States."

"If there is a war against terrorism, then all forms of terrorism must

be condemned. I am against the way the United States Government is dealing

with terrorism," Imran said.

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