

The price of freedom is more shootings, warns Mahathir

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Malaysians will have to get used to the apparent increase in killings on the streets as it is the "price of more freedom", former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

This is because, Mahathir said, greater civil liberties mean that the authorities can no longer take preventive action to stop such a crime.

"The price of freedom, of liberalism, of saying what you like, the price is people get killed.

"Until a crime is committed, you can't do anything (to) prevent it.

"A poor chap gets shot, he's dead, then we go to trial," Mahathir told reporters today.

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