

**Aid mission exposes Israeli atrocities: Mahathir
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The Gaza aid mission succeeded in exposing Israeli atrocities to the world, said Perdana Global Peace Organisation (PGPO) chairperson Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"What we had said about Israel is true, it ignores international law, it is willing to kill unarmed people, the people who are not their enemies but are simply doing humanitarian works.

"Although we are not able to send the aid to Gaza, but on one hand we succeeded in exposing to the world how bad Israel is and it willing to kill not only their enemies but also the people from an ally's country," he told reporters at the homecoming ceremony for six more Malaysian activists in the mission at KL International Airport today.

Dr Mahathir said he was thankful that the volunteers arrived home safely.

A PGPO volunteer, Matthias Chang said the world should be wary of the Israeli propaganda to justify the murder of volunteers on board aid ship "Mavi Marmara".

"This is a propaganda aimed at misleading the public and the media such as Cable News Network (CNN) and Fox News exploited the differences in the commandos action against activists on board Rachel Corrie and that of Mavi Marmara.

"This is a blatant lie," he said.

Parit MP Nizar Zakaria said he was saddened with the oppression of the Palestinians which he saw on the way to the prison.

Despite the horrifying experience, he said he was still keen to join any such mission in the future.

He expressed his regret for the failure to deliver the aid from Malaysia to Gaza, just 35 nautical miles off the port before it was seized by Israeli commandos.

"The people of Gaza must have waited in vain for the aid as they know we were coming," he said.

Nizar said he and other activists signed what looked like a confession written in Hebrew under duress.

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