

**Humanitarian Missions Should Be Aware Of Risks - Dr M
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ERDANG -- Organisers of humanitarian missions should be aware of the risks they may face, especially in a place like Somalia where there is no strong government, said former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"If you go, you must know the dangers involved," he told reporters at his Aidilfitri open house here on Sunday.

Dr Mahathir's comments came in the wake of the death of BernamaTV cameraman Noramfaizul Mohd Nor, 39, after he was shot Friday while travelling in a four-wheel-drive vehicle with other Malaysian media personnel.

They were in Mogadishu to cover the humanitarian aid mission in famine-hit Somalia by the Putera 1Malaysia Club.

He noted that Somalia was not a stable country where people were fighting each other.

Saying that what had befallen Noramfaizul was very unfortunate, he took the opportunity to convey condolences to Noramfaizul's family.

The open house was attended by, among others, Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation vice-chairman Lee Lam Thye and popular singer Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin.

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