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WAR IS A CRIME: Ibrahim (right) giving the cheque and frame from 'Malay Mail' to Dr Mahathir

'Malay Mail' joins move to make war a crime

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FORMER Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called for continuous support in highlighting the nation's efforts to make war a crime.

"The Press has to make people understand that just because war has been around for 7,000 years, it does not mean it's a right thing to do," Dr Mahathir said.

"I won't be around to see a world without war, but what we are doing today is to create it (a world without war) and something we should not allow to perpetuate," Dr Mahathir, who chairs the Kuala Lumpur Foundation to Criminalise War (KLFCW), said.

He was speaking at a "thank you" lunch at the Perdana Leadership Foundation in Putrajaya yesterday for all involved in the International Conference Tribunal to Criminalise War and Exhibition

from Oct 28 until Oct 31.

He said the conference and exhibition was a success, judging from the massive public support as well as the presence of foreign speakers and visitors. Events like this should be continuous, he added.

During the lunch, *Malay Mail* chairman, Datuk Ibrahim Mohd Noor presented RM30,000 to KLFCW.

The amount was raised by *Malay Mail* from advertisements in the paper during the conference and exhibition, and was a show of support for the foundation and its cause.

Also present at the lunch were *Malay Mail* chief operating officer Endie Shazlie Akbar, editor-in-chief Ahirudin Attan, *New Straits Times* managing editor Nuraina Abdul Samad and *Berita Harian*

group editor Datuk Mior Kamarul Shahid as well as committee members and volunteers who took part in the four-day event.

Volunteers who attended the function shared the same views of the former prime minister that war should be made a crime.

Student Tharan Gunaseelan, 24, said the effort should be continued to make more people aware of war, and its brutality.

"If more people know about it, they will realise that war is a crime against humanity," he said.

Another student, Melinda Tiong, 20, said she looked forward to volunteering for events and causes such as this as she wished to be a part of the movement to create a war-free world.

"War should be a crime. Mass killing is something we should not condone," she said.