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Dr M hopes Egypt will back Palestinians

SERI ISKANDAR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday he hoped that the new government in Egypt would be more sympathetic to the Palestinian cause. This would help the Palestinians live a normal life, better than they are doing so today, he said.

Dr Mahathir also called on Islamic countries and Muslims all over the world to be united and organise consistent demonstrations against Israel, for its occupation of Palestine, and its ally, the United States.

"What we need to do is to have consistent demonstrations all over the world, just like the one you saw in Egypt, for example, that requires massive organisation," he said, but added that he did not think the Islamic world could come together to organise such a demonstration against the United States.

"The world's leaders are really scared stiff and would not do anything to annoy the US," he said at the Islamic Affairs Perdana Forum entitled "Palestine — A Global Issue" at Universiti Teknologi Petronas here.

The former prime minister, who is chairman of the Perdana Global Peace Organisation, said: "We must never give up, and must continue sending aid like food, medicine and construction material which are extremely important to Palestine."

He added that if war could be made a crime, then even the US would be bound by international law. —
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