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Dr M: Pakatan willing to support Israel

MALACCA: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was dumbfounded that some people who once supported Palestinians and their cause for freedom are now accepting Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's statement to safeguard Israel's safety.

"It seems like Anwar has changed the perception of some Muslim leaders in the country as these are the same people who had once wanted to champion Islam and strongly objected to Jews and their actions.

"Take (Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk) Nik Abdul Aziz (Nik Mat) for example.

"He was once seen supporting Palestine, but now he cannot even reprimand Anwar," he said.

To illustrate his point further, Dr Mahathir said the media reported that Nik Aziz had only advised Anwar to retract his statement and did not instruct him to do so.

Dr Mahathir also said Nik Aziz was also reported as saying that Anwar's statement would not create a rift in Pakatan Rakyat.

"For them (Pakatan Rakyat), what is important is not Islam but their pact. This means that to uphold the



Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam (left) helping former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad release a pigeon at the launch of the 'Waqaf Water4Gaza' and the state-level 'Jelajah Keamanan'. With them is Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob (centre). Pic by Mohd Khairul Helmy Mohd Din

spirit of Pakatan, they are willing to support the Israel," he said after launching the "Waqaf Water4Gaza" and the state-level "Jelajah Kea-

manan", organised by the Perdana Global Peace Foundation and Malacca government at Dewan Seri Negeri, Ayer Keroh, here, yesterday.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir thanked the people and the Malacca government for contributing RM109,000 for the initiatives.