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# Suicide is against Islam, says Dr M

## 'Killing fellow Muslims is tragic'

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**PETALING JAYA:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said committing suicide and senselessly killing fellow Muslim brothers are against the teachings of Islam.

Thus, said the former prime minister, it was tragic that there were Malays who were willing to go against the religion by committing suicide supposedly in the name of jihad.

"The same group of people also resorted to killing their fellow Muslims, who had different political allegiances or ideological beliefs.

"Among the victims of militants' suicide bombings were children and even the disabled. Most of the victims were women and not armed soldiers," he said in his blog ([chedet.cc](http://chedet.cc)) yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said no *ulama* or Muslim scholars had ever issued a *fatwa* permitting such senseless acts of violence.

"I have tried to search the Quran for teachings that permit Muslims to commit suicide or kill other Muslims but there is none," he said.

He said those killed did not attack Malaysia or its people and the country was never in danger of being attacked by others who are not aligned to us.

Dr Mahathir reminded the so-called jihadists that the Quran taught Muslims to appease other Muslims who were in conflict.

"If there is a party that rejects peace, then a third party is allowed to support the one who chooses peace. But there is no teaching that tells us to increase the animosity between them by taking sides.

"Allah never liked those who caused chaos and havoc," he said, adding he had never come across any *hadith* that condoned Muslims fighting each other.

"There's certainly not one that says a Muslim will be considered a martyr if he killed himself so as to kill other Muslims," Dr Mahathir said.

"I am curious to know the opinion of *ulama* in Malaysia regarding heaven that is said to await those who die as Muslim fighters."