

PM: BRING PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE

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Govt will do everything to ensure Malaysians in New Zealand are safe, says Dr M

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PRIME Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed deep regret over the terrorist attack in Christchurch, New Zealand, that has left 49 dead.

He said he hoped the New Zealand government would bring the perpetrators to justice.

"I regret very much the incident that occurred in Christchurch, where 40 people were shot dead by gunmen at two mosques while they were performing Friday prayers.

He said Malaysia would ensure that its citizens in New Zealand were safe from harm.



Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad speaking at a press conference in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY LUQMAN HAKIM ZUBIR

"The government will do everything possible to see that Malaysians there are safe.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and families of

the shooting incident."

He said the best way to address terrorism was to understand why people became terrorists and try to resolve the reason.

"Well, terrorism has no borders. We cannot know where they will strike.

"I have actually written a letter to the British prime minister pre-

viously saying that we can't fight terrorism like we fight a conventional war."

He said Malaysia had been fortunate because the country's intelligence services were good.

"We know who they are, we know their movement.

"We have arrested some and re-educated them."

Indonesia also condemned the terrorist attacks.

Its Foreign Ministry expressed condolences to the families of victims.

It said there was no information yet on whether Indonesians were among the casualties.

Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan condemned the mass shooting in a tweet, saying: "May Allah have mercy on the victims and grant a speedy recovery to the wounded.

"On behalf of my country, I offer my condolences to the Islamic world and the people of New Zealand, who have been targeted by this deplorable act — the latest example of rising racism and Islamophobia."