

Dr M: Israel targeting hospitals, residences

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad expressed profound distress upon discovering the destruction inflicted by Israeli bombings on the Dr Siti Hasmah and Enaya Physiotherapy Centre in Gaza on Nov 7.

In a post on X, formerly Twitter, yesterday, Dr Mahathir voiced his frustrations concerning the centre's location of Khan Younis in southern Gaza being bombed despite earlier Israeli assurances that it wouldn't target the region.

He said the Israeli announcements were empty promises.

The former prime minister said five Gazan families sheltering at the centre after their homes were bombed lost four members from each of their families in the Israeli attack.

"I have mourned the bombings and destruction of other hospitals and shelters in Gaza previously," he said.

"But I have a personal affinity for this hospital. The Perdana Global Peace Foundation (PGPF), of which I am a member, was di-

rectly involved in its construction from the very start.

"PGPF, alongside Humanitarian Care Malaysia, Muslim Care Malaysia, Media Prima Humanitarian Fund and the Charitable Association for Palestinian Relief, helped build it and it has been in operation since 2019."

He said the deliberate killing of Palestinian civilians constituted genocide, rather than a conflict between armed forces.

This action, Dr Mahathir said, represented a method of ethnic cleansing aimed at eradicating the entire Palestinian population.

"The bombings of hospitals and residences, and now a physiotherapy centre, proved that Israel is targeting these centres intentionally and wilfully.

"All we can do is protest and pray for the Palestinians to be spared Israel's brutality.

"And Israeli allies, notably the United States and United Kingdom continue to justify and support Israel's barbarity."



A montage of pictures showing the destruction of the Dr Siti Hasmah and Enaya Physiotherapy Centre in Khan Younis, southern Gaza, after an attack by Israeli forces on Nov 7. PIC TAKEN FROM PERDANA GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION'S FACEBOOK PAGE.