

**Are we safe from IS, asks Dr Mahathir**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 29, 2014: Former premier, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said the government has yet to realise the serious threat posed by the Islamic State and no action has been taken so far. He said no one ever expected that there would be attacks on Sabah, but such incidents did occur. "If people like Ashaari, Ayah Pin and Tuhan Harun can actually get support, calls for the setting up of an Islamic State would surely get more followers," he said in his latest blog posting. In Malaysia, he said there were those who were alleging that there some Muslims in the country who were not Islamic enough and many from this group has since left for Syria and even Iraq to fight for an Islamic State by killing fellow Muslims. "If it crosses their mind to make Malaysia an Islamic State, would it not be possible for them to join attacks from abroad. "Attacks on Sabah have already taken place, while here in the Peninsular, we have the Al Maunah movement," he cautioned. He said it would not be difficult for them to become violent should the call for the setting up of an Islamic State here be made. Dr Mahathir said the government was still not serious about the attacks in Kota Belud and kidnappings were still going on. He said the call to set up an Islamic State was very attractive to the younger Muslims worldwide as they were frustrated that there was no Muslim government or country willing to save the Muslims. He said the IS was so violent that they were willing to shoot an Iraqi soldier who was a Muslim. "We saw in the alternative media how their detainees were forced to sit in a row and one by one shot from behind. "The video by the IS themselves showed an American journalist being beheaded by a masked IS soldier said to be speaking in an English accent. The accusation was made by the killer himself who was a British Muslim. "According to reports, the number of IS soldiers were more than 30,000. Each day more youths from Europe and Asian countries are leaving their homes to join the IS. "All this is taking place in the Middle East, far from our country ... but does that mean we are safe," he asked.

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