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CALL FOR UN TO LIFT ECONOMIC SANCTION ON IRAQ

KUALA LUMPUR, April 16 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth, the Malaysian Youth Council (MYC) and the Non-Aligned Students Youth Organisation (NASYO) today urged the United Nations (UN) to lift the economic sanction on Iraq as soon as possible.

In a joint statement here, they said the economic sanction had resulted in high levels of deaths among Iraqi children, the sick and elderly due to severe lack of food, medicine and other needs.

They also condemned Israel for its latest air and artillery strikes on the Lebanese people, saying the UN and other concerned states should strongly condemn such barbaric acts.

Israel must be forced to pay for the damage caused by its criminal aggression in Lebanon, they said.

They welcomed the international solidarity gesture of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the donations handed to the Bosnians and the solidarity campaign by Malaysia's non-governmental organisations to collect medicine and money for Iraqi children.

A visiting NASYO delegation had earlier held discussions with Umno Youth and MYC.

Meanwhile, at a meeting between NASYO and the Association of Malay Journalists Malaysia (PWM), PWM declared solid support for NASYO in the task of handling contemporary issues in the international level, like the situation in Bosnia, Chechnya and the UN economic sanction against the Iraqis.

They urged the world community to discern the double standard practised by the United States and the UN in serving their own political interests and those of their allies. -- Bernama

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