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Motion on Jerusalem at youth assembly in Oslo

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Malaysia will propose a motion at the World Assembly of Youth to prevent Jerusalem from being recognised as Israel's capital, Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam said today.

Ali, who is also the president of WAY and Belia 4B movement, said the motion would be presented at the assembly's meeting in Oslo, Norway in November.

The 4B movement would also discuss the resolution with the Malaysian Youth Council, Mohd Ali told reporters after launching the Wartawan Masuk Kampung programme for 4B youths and the Malay Journalists Association.

Also present were Federation of National Writers Association chairman II Datuk Professor Abdul Latiff Abu Bakar and Malay Journalists Association chairman Yazid Othman.

Mohd Ali was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to foreign governments to apply pressure for the enforcement of resolutions passed in the United Nations.

Recently, the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution to recognise Jerusalem, a holy city claimed by Arabs and Jews, as Israel's unified capital. Tel Aviv is now Israel's capital.

Mohd Ali said the movement hopes that US President Bill Clinton would veto the Congress resolution.

"This is an important issue as it concerns the Palestinian peace process," he said. "Jerusalem is the holy city of three religions - Islam, Christianity and Judaism."

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir called on peace-loving countries to marshal world opinion against Israel for not wanting to adhere to UN resolutions.

Resolution 425 calls for an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the strip of land in southern Lebanon that it has occupied since 1978 as a self-declared "security zone".

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