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Malaysia ready to take part in peace-keeping mission in Palestine

PEKAN, Sun. - Malaysia is prepared to send its military troops for peace-keeping mission in the Palestine under the United Nations if the international body intends to monitor the peace process in the Middle East.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the country would participate in such peace-keeping mission as it was in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for a solution to the Palestinian issue.

"Malaysia is always committed to participate in peace-keeping missions and this was clearly seen when we sent our troops to Bosnia under the UN.

"This is a sign that Malaysia does not only voice out its stand on international issues such as fighting terrorism and violation of human rights, but is committed to resolving the problem," Najib told reporters after closing a fishing competition in Merchong here today.

The fishing competition was organised by the Merchong Umno Youth branch.

"Although the Cabinet had not decided on whether the troops would be sent under the UN to Palestine, we do not have a problem if the UN Security Council asks us to participate."

On Dr Mahathir's call to the US to solve the Palestine issue first before curbing international terrorism, Najib said the international community could not be silent over the sympathy shown by Muslims when their brothers in Islam were killed by Israel.

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