

Malaysia and Libya condemn Israeli atrocities in Palestine

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TRIPOLI: Malaysia and Libya have strongly condemned the aggression and atrocities committed by the Israeli army and called for immediate action by the international community to stop the carnage in Palestine.

Expressing their concern over the deteriorating situation in Palestine, both countries called upon the international community to act immediately to force Israel to abide by all United Nations resolutions on the establishment of an independent state of Palestine.

In a joint statement issued after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mdhamad's two-day official visit to Libya, the two countries also condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Besides reaffirming their commitment to co-operation in eliminating terrorism, the two nations rejected attempts to link Islam with terrorism and agreed on people's legitimate right to struggle for freedom and independence.

They emphasised the need for an international conference to define terrorism and identify

its root causes.

Settlement of disputes and conflicts must be based on principles and rules of international law and not on any unilateral action, they said in the statement.

Both countries signed memoranda of understanding on co-operation in education and information and communication technology.

Also signed was a memorandum of agreement on technical aspects and development of business opportunities between Petronas and National Oil Corporation Libya.