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M'SIA ALLOCATES RM2 MILLION FOR PALESTINIAN SCHOOL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- The government has approved US\$530,000 (RM2.014 million) for the construction of a school in Jenin, Palestine, the Dewan Negara was told today.

Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad said the Malaysian Embassy in Amman, Jordan had been entrusted with the coordination and monitoring of the school project.

"The project is still at the tender stage," he said in reply to a question from Senator Datuk Muhammad Abdul Ghani, here today.

He said Malaysia was concerned with the Palestinian issue and would continue to voice its stand on this issue through the United Nations (UN), Non Aligned Movement (NAM) and Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The national leaders had also stated the country's stand on the Palestinian issue at the meeting with their foreign counterparts, he said.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had written to world leaders asking them to pressure the Israel regime to halt its military aggression against the Palestinians.

At the UN, Malaysia had repeatedly voiced its stand on the same issue, he said.

Dr Leo said the humanity fund set up by the Foreign Ministry last April to collect donations for Palestinians now stood at RM330,424.23.

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