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YOUTHS GATHER IN JB TO PROTEST ISRAELI ACTION

JOHOR BA HARU, April 21 (Bernama) -- More than 2,000 people gathered in Jalan Selat Tebrau here today to protest against the atrocities committed by the Israeli army against Palestinians.

The peaceful gathering, organised by Johor Umno Youth, started at 2pm and lasted about three hours.

The multi-racial gathering attracted mostly youngsters, including those from Umno Youth and other Barisan Nasional youth wings.

Among those present were Umno Youth leaders, including its national chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein and vice-chief Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir.

Abdul Aziz told reporters that the protesters wanted the United Nations to pressure Israel into pulling out all its troops from Palestinian territories.

"We probably cannot go there to fight but we wish to tell the Palestinians that the world is behind them, that Malaysians of all races and religions are with them," he said.

Johor Umno Youth chief Ayub Rahmat said the movement would hand over to Hishammuddin a memorandum protesting Israel's actions.

Hishammuddin would pass over the memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for submission to the United Nations, he said.

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