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PERKIM CONDEMNS AMERICA'S BIASED POLICY IN TACKLING PALESTINE ISSUE

BUKIT MERAH (Perak), Oct 21 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Islamic Welfare Organisation (PERKIM) has condemned the biased policy of the United States in tackling Israel's atrocities on Palestinians.

In condemning the violence inflicted on Palestinians, its President Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud called on the United Nations to take stern measures to stop the atrocities.

He also urged the Malaysian Government to pressure the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to be united in seeking a settlement to ensure Palestinians and Iraqis received appropriate protection.

"The atrocities and inhumane actions of the Israeli regime have prompted Palestinians to retaliate while the sanctions on the Iraqis have caused continued sufferings and aroused the anger of Muslims worldwide," he said when closing PERKIM's 41st annual general meeting here yesterday.

The delegates performed special prayers seeking protection and to ease the sufferings of Palestinians and Iraqis.

Taib, who is also Sarawak Chief Minister, said he would personally present PERKIM's resolutions to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and would assure the Prime Minister of PERKIM's resolve to stand solidly behind him in pursuing lasting peace in the West Asian region.

He said he would also send the resolutions to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to express PERKIM's protest on the violence in Palestine and the Iraq issue.

The resolutions would also be sent to OIC Secretary-General and Heads of Islamic Countries so that they would know PERKIM's role in Malaysia, he said.

Taib said all PERKIM divisions have been asked to explain to non-Muslims that Islam does not advocate terrorism.

At the meeting, Sarawak was picked to host the annual general meeting for PERKIM men while Port Dickson for women.

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