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PLO MERELY WANTS PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO SOLVE CRISIS - AL FARRA

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) merely wants a practical and just solution to the long-drawn Palestine-Israeli crisis, Palestine Ambassador to Malaysia Ahmad Al-Farra said today.

"We do not want war...we want peace. We are calling on all parties concerned to make peace.

"What we want is only a practical solution that is reasonable and just to resolve the conflict," he said, alluding to the call by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that only a united Muslim world could withstand the onslaught against the Ummah.

Al Farra said the world respected only the strong and powerful and did not pay heed to the weak.

"We support Dr Mahathir's call for unity. If we are weak, nobody will respect us," he told reporters on the sidelines of the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Leaders' Summit.

Dr Mahathir, in his 40-minute speech, said Islamic nations must first unite to tackle the problems besieging the Ummah.

Al-Farra said Islamic countries should also use their wealth to show their strength to the world and make their views known.

Asked to comment on the latest incident in which four US nationals were killed in a roadside explosion in the northern Gaza strip town of Beit Hanun, Al Farra said this was not a planned attack by the Palestinians.

"This is not the Palestinian way...none of us will kill Americans who are coming to help us...this is just a conspiracy to smear the Palestine Government," he added.

In the incident, four US nationals were killed and one wounded when a roadside explosion hit a US diplomatic convoy.

The incident happened just hours after the US vetoed a resolution at the United Nations Security Council which condemned Israel's construction of a separation barrier across the West Bank.

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