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KL centre likely to promote Palestine

PUTRAJAYA, Sat. - Kuala Lumpur aims to be the centre for campaigns in promoting justice for the people of Palestine.

Peace Malaysia co-ordinator Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said this was among the resolutions the three-day Peace in Palestine Conference, starting on Monday, was pushing for.

He likened such campaigns to those of the anti-apartheid movement which was able to attract support.

"We want that similar force, of that magnitude.

"But there will be a centre based in Kuala Lumpur," he said.

To attract some 60 non-governmental organisations across the globe, he said the conference was expected to be under the international spotlight as there was participation from the two countries in question: Israel and Palestine.

Mukhriz was speaking at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre where the conference will be held.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is scheduled to deliver a keynote address.

Some 400 participants are expected to attend the conference.

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