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**Malaysia has today expelled all diplomats of the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in Kuala Lumpur**

in keeping with the decision of the Government of Malaysia which was announced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 19 March 2021. **The**

**expulsion has been carried out in conformity with Article 9 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961.**

The Government of Malaysia has to resort to taking this action in response to the DPRK's 19 March 2021 **unilateral and utterly**

**irresponsible decision to sever diplomatic ties** with Malaysia.

The action by the Government of Malaysia has become a necessity in order to protect Malaysia's sovereignty and safeguard our national interest.

**This action is a reminder that Malaysia shall never tolerate any attempt to meddle in our internal affairs and judiciary, disrespect our**

**governance system, and constantly create unnecessary tensions in defiance of the rules-based international order.**

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