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Malaysia categorically rejects a statement reportedly made by an Israeli official during a recent interview with Erem News claiming that Malaysia may join the Abraham Accords and normalize relations with Israel.

Malaysia stands by our unwavering commitment to supporting the Palestinian cause and their struggle against the continued Israeli illegal occupation and systematic oppression. For many decades already, the Palestinian people have been suffering discriminatory policies, denial of basic human rights, imposition of harsh living conditions, as well as confiscation of their land and property. These and other inhumane acts committed by Israel, the occupying power, against the Palestinians are tantamount to the crime of Apartheid and clearly inconsistent with the pursuit of peace and peaceful co-existence in the region.

Malaysia will continue to pursue actively the Palestinian agenda bilaterally, as well as in various regional and international fora towards realizing the Palestinian peoples' aspiration for freedom and their independent State of Palestine. Malaysia's continuous support for the Palestinian struggle is also in recognition of the aspirations of the new generation of Palestinian fighters and activists.

Malaysia will also continue to provide political and moral support, as well as humanitarian assistance for the Palestinian people bilaterally and through international organisations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), as well as facilitating the works of Malaysian civil society organisations.

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