

**PM seeks UN support for Gaza mission**  
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has sought the support of United Nations secretary-general Ban Ki-moon for the International Freedom Flotilla II to Gaza, saying that the mission scheduled to set sail at the end of this month "only seeks to deliver humanitarian assistance to alleviate the sufferings of the Palestinians in Gaza".

"I seek your cooperation to have representatives from the UN to inspect all vessels and persons involved, in order to give assurance to the world, particularly to the government of Israel, that they are only transporting humanitarian supplies, he said in a letter to Ban (photo).

Malaysian NGOs will be among hundreds of volunteers from various countries in the mission which will include 10 ships.

Najib also urged Ban to call upon the government of Israel not to use any force against the flotilla.

"I believe that there can be a peaceful solution to all this if the government of Israel would allow for the delivery of this humanitarian assistance," he said in the letter.

Najib said the mission was sailing on a humanitarian cause in line with numerous UN decisions and resolutions, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 1860 (2009) calling for "the unimpeded provision and distribution throughout Gaza of humanitarian assistance, including of food, fuel and medical treatment".

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