

Somali PM sends condolences to Noramfaizul's family

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Somalia's Prime Minister Dr Abdiweli Mohamed Ali today conveyed his and his country's condolences to Malaysia and the family of BernamaTV cameraperson Noramfaizul Mohd Nor who was killed while participating in a Malaysian humanitarian aid mission in Mogadishu early this month.

Abdiweli conveyed the condolences through Malaysia's Foreign Minister Anifah Aman during their bilateral meeting. Both are here to attend the United Nations General Assembly.

"Abdiweli is deeply touched by Malaysia's concern over the situation in Somalia and its effort through its non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to send humanitarian aid such as food and medicines to the Somalians," Anifah told Bernama last night.

Noramfaizul Mohd Nor storyAnifah is leading a Malaysian delegation to the 66th UN General Assembly themed, 'The Role of Mediation in the Settlement of Disputes by Peaceful Means'.

Noramfaizul, 39 (left), was killed by a sniper shot in Mogadishu on Sept 3 while returning in a four-wheel-drive vehicle to the hotel where he was staying while covering a humanitarian mission organised by the 1Malaysia Putera Club.

TV3 cameraperson was Aji Saregar Mazlan was also injured in the incident.

Anifah said despite the incident, Malaysia would continue to send humanitarian aid to the Somalians suffering from years of conflict and drought.

"Mercy Malaysia is now in Somalia and several other NGOs have offered, through our ministry, to help the Somalians," he added.

Recently, 1Malaysia Putera Club president Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim announced that the Malaysian humanitarian aid team would return to Somalia next month where they would also name one of the refugee camps there after the late Noramfaizul.

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