

**Jingga 13 leads protest against Israeli ships**  
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Several NGOs, including student activists, today protested at Westport near Port Klang against the access of Israeli ships to the port.

The group of about 80, led by PKR-linked NGO Jingga 13 chief coordinator Fariz Musa (left), demonstrated by yelling out anti-Israel slogans for about an hour.

However, the peaceful assembly was under watch by about 20 uniformed police personnel.

Also at the demonstration was PKR Youth vice chief Azmizam Zaman Huri and student activist Adam Adli.

When contacted, Fariz said the assembly was held as they had received information that another Israeli ship was to dock at the port today.

"We regret the fact that Malaysia has trade relations with Israel as this is akin to helping the illegitimate nation of Israel buy ammunition to kill Palestinians," he said.

Palestinian embassy next venue

He added more demonstrations will be held over the issue, with one scheduled to take place in front of the Palestinian embassy on Feb 29.

He said that a memorandum containing evidence on Israel trade relations will be submitted to the embassy.

"We chose Feb 29 because we have information that another Israeli ship will dock at Port Klang on that day," he said.

Malaysiakini's checks on Haifa-based shipping company Zim Integrated Services Ltd's website found that the company's ship HS Chopin which departed Haifa on Feb 13 is due to arrive at Port Klang on Feb 29.

Jingga 13 had earlier this week revealed that ships belonging to Zim Intergated Services Ltd have had free access to Port Klang, despite the government's claim that it does not have any diplomatic relations with the Zionist state.

However, Minister of International Trade and Industry Mustapa Mohamed said the government does not endorse or encourage trade with Israel, but cannot stop private companies from doing so, even through direct means.

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