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Malaysia wants follow-up action against Israel

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia wants follow-up action to be taken against Israel for the attack on the *Mavi Marmara* that left nine Turkish volunteers dead and dozens injured.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said follow-up action, in whatever form, was necessary to make the Israeli government realise that what it did was not acceptable to the international community.

The Government would table a motion on the matter in Parliament and would not stop there.

"We want (the world's authorities to take) follow-up action," he said when hosting breakfast for the 12 Malaysian volunteers at his residence in Langgak Duta here yesterday.

Also present were his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman.

Najib also demanded that Israel not only apologise over its actions but also compensate the families of those killed during the raid.

"They were killed at close range according to the autopsy and (Malaysian delegation leader) Noorazman's (Mohd Shamsuddin) account. They were shot without any provocation. Some were even shot from behind. This was a cold-blooded act of killing perpetrated by Israeli commandos under orders from the Tel Aviv regime," he said.

Rosmah said she intended to donate US\$5,000 (RM16,500) to each family of the dead Turkish volunteers, adding that this would be sourced from corporate sponsors.

In **SEPANG**, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who welcomed the return of the 12 Malaysians, said the United Nations and world superpowers must collectively assert more pressure on Israel, including boycotting its goods if the world was to see the end of violence and atrocity against Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Perdana Global Peace Organisation adviser Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir said both the United Nations and the international community must flex their muscles to ensure Israel deliver the aid it seized from the Gaza-bound flotilla to the Palestinians.