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Najib to table motion condemning Israel

KUALA LUMPUR: The Prime Minister will table a special motion in the Dewan Rakyat to condemn the Israeli attack on humanitarian aid mission vessels to Gaza.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, in the motion, will demand that the UN Security Council censure Israel and to refer it to the International Criminal Court over the matter.

This is among the 15 resolutions listed to be tabled in the Dewan which sits again today.

The special motion also calls for

an independent investigation to be conducted on the attack, demand Israel to not block any humanitarian aid convoy to the Palestinians in Gaza and appeal to the international community to continue extending humanitarian aid to Gaza.

The motion, to be seconded by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, states that the Zionist regime's attack on the vessels is in violation of international law including human rights law, international humanitarian law

and the Charter of the United Nations.

It said similar sentiments were voiced through the Joint Statement of the Foreign Ministers Asean - the Gulf Cooperation Council in Singapore on June 1, which sternly condemned the actions of Israel.

The motion is likely to receive support from Opposition MPs in the House.

Last Monday, the *Mavi Marmara*, carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza, with 12 Malaysians on board, was

attacked by Israeli forces in international waters resulting in nine deaths. The Malaysians, detained by Israeli defence forces, arrived home yesterday.

Six other Malaysians on board the *Rachel Corrie*, another ship with humanitarian aid to Gaza, was also seized by Israel on Saturday. They were released yesterday.

The Dewan is also scheduled to debate on the 10th Malaysia Plan. Najib is to table the plan on Thursday.