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Strong message: Participants buying books and t-shirts outside the conference hall at the PWTC in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Witnesses recount Mavi Marmara attack

KUALA LUMPUR: At least 400 people listened to brief witness accounts and condemnation against recent violence by the Israeli military on the *Mavi Marmara*, the lead ship of the Freedom flotilla bound for Gaza.

One of the eyewitness, Astro Awani broadcast journalist Ashwad Ismail, recounted how he saw two victims getting shot in the arm and hand.

"We have to expose the atrocities by the Israelis. We must give our side of the story to our audience," he said at the international conference

on Gaza organised by the Perdana Global Peace Organisation (PGPO) yesterday.

PGPO international advisory panel member Denis J Halliday expressed doubts that the United Nations would be capable of resolving the Gaza conflict.

He said the UN Security Council members had lost interest in resolving the conflict and seemed more interested in safeguarding their own interests.

The Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who was also one of the panelists, said the spirit

of Freedom flotilla and the people who lost their lives when *Mavi Marmara* was attacked on May 31 must continue to inspire others to continue to peacefully assist the Palestinians.

"We have the moral obligation to say no to aggression, no to oppression, no to abuse and torture and especially no to mistreatment of women and children," she said.

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