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# Najib to seek UN's help

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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia wants the United Nations to throw its support behind the volunteers taking part in the Second International Freedom Flotilla-Stay Human aid to Gaza convoy.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he would write a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon requesting for the international body's involvement to ensure the safety of the volunteers.

"I agree to the proposal (by the Lifeline4Gaza founder chairman) to have UN officials inspect the vessels in the flotilla to ensure all materials onboard are for humanitarian aid.

"I also agree to the other proposal to enforce international laws to ensure the safety of all volunteers in the flotilla," he said at the launch of Malaysia's Lifeline4Gaza (LL4G) team, which will be joining more than 600 international volunteers of different faiths and races from 40 nations in the Second International Freedom Flotilla-Stay Human to Gaza aid convoy, which will set sail at the end of this month.

The prime minister was very concerned for the volunteers' well-being as he strongly believed the flotilla would be intercepted.

The 10-member LL4G team comprises representatives from non-governmental organisations, including LL4G founder chairman Noorazman Mohd Samsuddin and Aman Malaysia chairman Datuk Ahmad Zaki Zahid, as well as two politicians, Umno Youth



Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin (right) presenting a donation of RM20,000 to Lifeline4Gaza founder chairman Noorazman Mohd Samsuddin at the launch of the LL4G team at the Badminton Stadium in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. With them is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak. — Picture by Yazit Razali

chief Khairy Jamaluddin and Shah Alam member of parliament Khalid Abdul Samad.

The flotilla comprises 13 international vessels (10 passenger ships and three cargo vessels).

The flotilla will be carrying humanitarian aid, including medical equipment as well as basic building materials.

All vessels are scheduled to be at sea

either on June 27 or 28.

Najib added that he would also personally look into finding ways to fund another humanitarian project to build a trauma centre for Palestinian children who needed psychological support following the loss of their loved ones.

"I feel this is a significant project that we can undertake and we will call it the Malaysian Centre of Trauma for

Palestinian children.

"I will help to set up the fund to finance the construction of such a centre," he said to applause from the hundreds present last night.

The prime minister also said the world community must continue to highlight the Palestinians' plight so that the issue involving Palestine and Israel would not be overshadowed by other matters.