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> Malaysia to keep sending aid, says Najib

OXFORD: Malaysia will continue to send aid to the people of Palestine in the face of obstacles and challenges.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said on Monday that Malaysians were eager to help the Palestinians who had long lived under duress and suffering due to the cruel and unjust actions of the Israeli military.

Expressing grief over the firing of warning shots by Israeli naval forces at the Malaysian vessel *mv Finch* carrying aid to Gaza on Monday, Najib said this only showed that Tel Aviv was continuing with its tyranny.

Israeli naval forces fired warning shots on Monday at the *mv Finch*, forcing it to change course to Egypt. The vessel had left Greece on May 11 carrying plastic pipes to help repair the sewage system in Gaza.

Najib said shots, even if they were fired in

warning, should not be targeted at humanitarian aid channelled by unarmed civilians.

"This shows that they will resort to anything to continue to oppress the people of Palestine because they do not want the Palestinians in Gaza to obtain any humanitarian aid.

"I am most saddened by this arrogant and inhuman act of the Tel Aviv regime," he told journalists covering his visit to the UK.

Perdana Global Peace Foundation (PGPF) in a statement yesterday said it was making arrangements to transfer the aid to Gaza by land via the Rafah Crossing, adding the *mv Finch* has made its way to the port of El Arish under the guidance of the Egyptian navy.

The foundation strongly condemned the Israel navy's action and urged the international

community to condemn the aggression.

Asked whether Malaysia would raise objections with the UN Security Council over the incident, Najib said Malaysia had made many representations and spoken out on the issue of Palestine to the UN but it seemed to have fallen on deaf ears.

On his visit to the UK, Najib would make an official visit in July. He said the new coalition government of the United Kingdom felt that London and Kuala Lumpur should resuscitate their long-time relationship.

The government under Prime Minister David Cameron had conveyed a message of wanting to revive and strengthen bilateral ties. "There is a new push at the top as a political support and political drive. I think that it can be further enhanced across many fronts." - Bernama