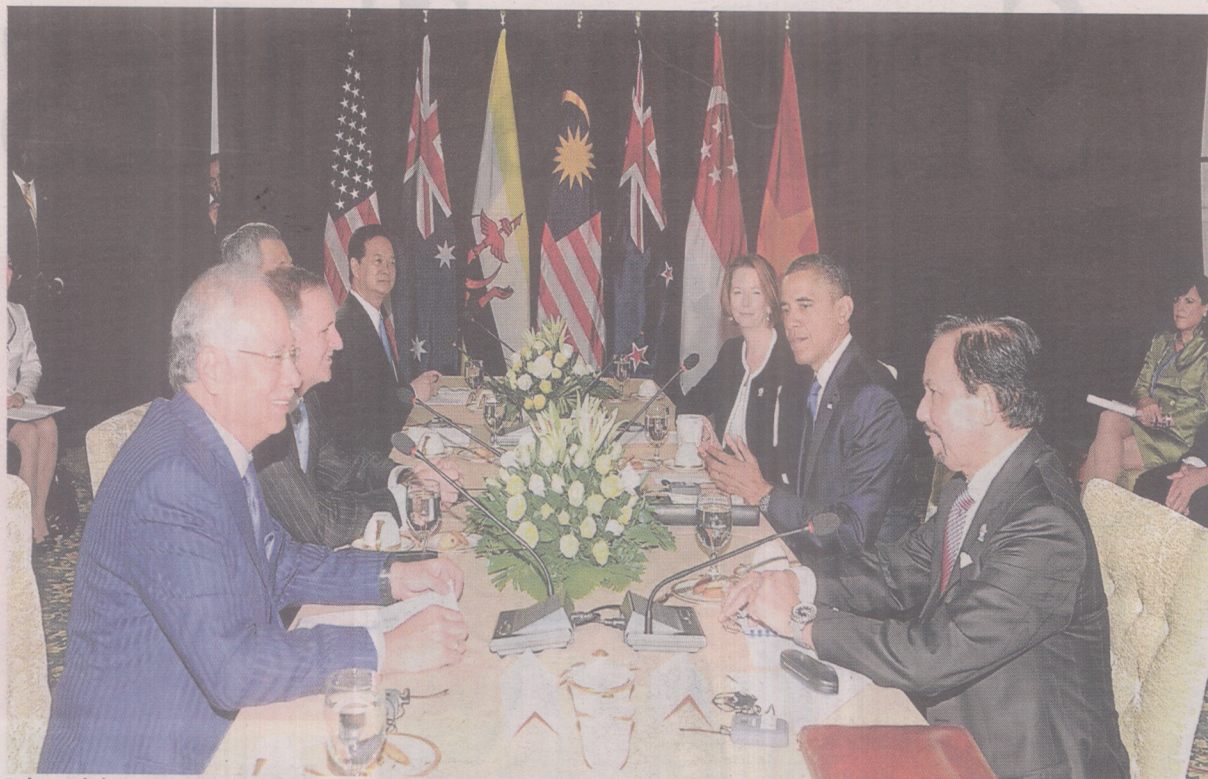


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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak (left) with leaders who attended the Trans-Pacific Partnership meeting at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, yesterday. The leaders are (from right) Brunei Sultan Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, US President Barack Obama, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (partially hidden) and New Zealand Prime Minister John Key. Bernama pic

PM: Obama to act on Gaza

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CONFLICT: US president promises to find a solution to end attacks on Palestinians

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UNITED States President Barack Obama has given an undertaking that a solution will be found to end the violence in Gaza.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Obama had committed to this when the issue was brought up by Malaysia and Indonesia on Monday during the 4th Asean-US Leaders Summit here.

The prime minister and Indone-

sian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono had urged the US to broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

Speaking to Malaysian journalists here yesterday, Najib said Malaysia had urged Obama to find a long-term solution to end the conflict once and for all.

Malaysia also called on the US to find the right time to resuscitate the negotiation based on a two-state solution and to recognise Palestine as a sovereign state.

Najib also believed Obama was sincere in his efforts to work out a "comprehensive and final solution"

for peace in the Middle East.

"This morning when Obama met me at the sidelines of the summit, he gave the assurance that he would work towards it.

"It's a huge undertaking. He (Obama) is aware of the challenges, he knows that it is a complex and almost insurmountable task, but I think there is a desire on his part to find a solution."

Najib also said Obama found the moderation concept of the Global Moderates Movement (GMM) an interesting method to be used in finding a solution to end all conflicts and wars.

"He believed the values in GMM could help bring about peace and stability in the region.

In the Dewan Rakyat yesterday an emergency motion to condemn Israel's military attacks on Gaza was passed unanimously.

Israeli airstrikes have killed 115 Palestinians, including 27 children. Among those killed in the latest attack on Gaza, codenamed "Pillar of Defence", were Hamas leader Ahmed Jaber, six children, a pregnant woman and a teacher with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

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