

# PM, UN CHIEF DISCUSS MYANMAR, PALESTINE

Talks reflect Malaysia's standing in world body, says PMO

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PRIME Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday discussed Myanmar and Palestine issues with United Nations (UN) secretary-general Antonio Guterres via telephone.

The Prime Minister's Office, in a statement, said Muhyiddin told Guterres that Malaysia and Asean countries had met in April to find a solution to the crisis in Myanmar.

"Malaysia also informed (Guterres) that the appointment of a Special Envoy of the Asean Chair is being finalised to find a

peaceful solution in the interest of the people of Myanmar.

"The prime minister is of the view that the UN and Asean can work together to find a solution to address the political crisis in Myanmar, especially through the five-point consensus reached during the Asean leaders' meeting."

The statement said Muhyiddin and Guterres agreed that the involved parties should ensure political and economic stability in Myanmar.

On the Palestine issue, Muhyiddin and Guterres expressed regret over the violence against Palestinians in the occupied territory.

"Malaysia has strongly condemned the Israeli military ag-

gression towards Palestinians, who were barricading the Al-Aqsa Mosque on May 7.

"In this regard, the prime minister expressed his gratitude over the ceasefire by... Israeli and Palestinian fighters.

"The prime minister also expressed support for the efforts taken by the UN and countries involved to ensure the warring parties adhere to the ceasefire and find a lasting solution to end the conflict."

During the call, Muhyiddin and Guterres agreed that the suffering of the Palestinian people must be stopped immediately and it was imperative to find the best solution to ensure lasting peace for both sides.



A street artist painting a mural in support of Palestine at Bandar Baru Bangi in Selangor. Malaysia has told the United Nations secretary-general that it supports a two-state solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. PIC BY AZHAR RAMLI

"On that basis, the prime minister reaffirmed Malaysia's stand on the establishment of a free and independent Palestinian (state) from the Israeli occupation through a two-state solution, based on the pre-1967 border with

Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine."

The statement said the phone call reflected the UN's recognition of Malaysia's important role on the issue of Myanmar and Palestine at the international level.