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ANWAR RAISES PALESTINIAN PLIGHT

Infliction of suffering reflects abandonment of moral responsibilities, says PM

SAN FRANCISCO

DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday seized the opportunity to raise the plight of Palestinians caught up in the Israeli onslaught on Gaza at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Economic Leaders Informal Dialogue and Working Lunch, which was also attended by United States President Joe Biden.

The Malaysian prime minister said the suffering inflicted on Palestinians and the people in Gaza clearly demonstrated an "abandonment of moral responsibilities".

He said the massive destruction and loss of innocent lives would only end up causing regional instability and possibly more conflicts. Anwar had been vocal in highlighting the humanitarian crisis in Gaza at various meetings and talks here.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (second from left) at the Apec Economic Leaders' Informal Dialogue and Working Lunch in San Francisco yesterday.

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Prior to the Apec meeting, he also spoke up at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) extraordinary summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he called on OIC member countries to consistently and assertively press for an immediate ceasefire in Israel's daily strikes in Gaza.

Yesterday, Anwar also com-

mended Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping over their face-to-face meeting, which was held amidst continued tensions and efforts by the two superpowers to increase high level communication.

Biden and Xi met here on Wednesday in their first encounter in more than a year. Anwar said such US-China engagement was a key factor in the future of Apec.

On another note, Anwar also touched on Malaysia's pursuit of sustainability and fight against climate change.

He said Malaysia produced just 0.658 per cent of global greenhouse emissions, but acknowledged that climate change had raised the risk of displacing up to

a quarter of its population if little or nothing was done.

He said Malaysia was transforming its economy and investing in a cleaner, greener future through the National Energy Transition Roadmap. He also pointed out that national oil company Petronas was committed to a clear pathway towards net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

On a related note, he said developing and emerging economies were not getting the right support from developed nations on what was required for clean energy transition.

He said developed nations needed to do more to bear responsibility in handling climate change and assist developing countries.