

PM CONDEMNS BIASED STANCE ON PALESTINE

Anwar says world inaction, injustice causing loss of innocent lives

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Malaysia expressed concern over the international community's continued biased stance on the violence and oppression against the Palestinians.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said this when commenting on the escalating clashes in and around the Gaza Strip, which have resulted in tragic loss of innocent victims.

"The international community has continuously taken one-sided action in relation to the violence and oppression against the Palestinians.

"The Zionists continue to take the Palestinians' land and property. Due to this injustice, hundreds of innocent lives are lost. Malaysia remains in solidarity with the struggle of Palestinian people," Anwar said on his official X account yesterday.

Wisma Putra has called on the United Nations Security Council to fulfil its charter-mandated responsibility for maintaining international peace and security.

Wisma Putra, in a statement yesterday, called on the Security Council to urgently convene an emergency session to demand all parties stop the violence, as well as to respect and protect the lives of innocent civilians.

"The Malaysian government called on all parties involved to exercise the utmost restraint, de-escalate the situation, and put an immediate end to further loss of life, suffering and destruction.

"The root cause must be acknowledged. The Palestinians have been subjected to prolonged illegal occupation, blockade and suffering, the desecration of Al-Aqsa, as well as the politics of dispossession at the hands of Israel as the occupier.

"The inconsistency to act on the Israeli regime calls into question the uniform enforcement of international principles and highlights the need for a more consistent stance in addressing



A Palestinian woman salvaging items from her home damaged during Israeli airstrikes on Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. AFP PIC

an apartheid administration.

"There should be no disproportionate treatment and flagrant hypocrisy in dealing with any regime that practises apartheid and blatantly violates human rights and international law."

It added that the Palestinians had the legal right to live in a state of peace within its internationally recognised borders, based on pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, as well as their inalienable right to return to their homes and property from which they have been displaced.

Malaysia has joined several countries in calling for a de-escalation of the war after Israel launched airstrikes and other military operations targeting Gaza that Palestinian authorities say killed more than 230 people.

This was after Hamas military wing, Al Qassam Brigades, car-

ried out a complex attack targeting Israeli settlements near Gaza, where its army faced more than 5,000 rockets, catching the Israeli army off-guard.

They were then joined by fighters from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian factions from Gaza who infiltrated the border areas and clashed with the Israeli Occupation Army.

The attack, codenamed by Hamas "Al Aqsa Flood", bore fruit when they took control of the Israeli settlements over the border.

In response, the Israeli Occupation Army launched "Operation Iron Swords" against the Hamas groups.

Page 1 pic: A plume of smoke rises above buildings in Gaza City during an Israeli airstrike on Saturday.