

PM, ERDOGAN DISCUSS PALESTINE-ISRAEL CRISIS

Anwar received a phone call from Turkiye president on Monday

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DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have discussed the Palestine-Israel crisis.

Without divulging details of the discussion, the prime minister said in a post on X on Monday that he had received a phone call from Erdogan.

“Earlier, I had the chance to speak with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. We touched on the latest developments involving Palestine and Israel.”

On Monday, Anwar called out the international community for their biased action against the oppression of Palestinians amidst the escalation of clashes in Israel and the Gaza Strip.

He said the clashes were a result of the injustice towards the Palestinian people, where hundreds of innocent lives were lost. He also expressed his solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people.

Erdogan, on Saturday, urged Is-



Mohammed J.H. Alzaanin and his wife Kholoud M.H. Elzaneen, both Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia graduate students, were killed in a bomb attack on their village in Beit Hanoun, Palestine, on Sunday. PIC TAKEN FROM USIM'S FB PAGE

raelis and Palestinians to act with restraint in light of the events that took place in the region.

He said Turkiye would continue to oppose any attempt against the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The reaction from the two leaders comes after clashes broke out between Palestine and Israel last weekend, where Hamas military wing, Al Qassam Brigades, carried out a complex attack targeting Israeli settlements near Gaza and in Israel.

The attack, codenamed by Hamas “Al Aqsa Flood”, bore fruit when they took control of

the Israeli settlements over the border.

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) launched airstrikes against the Gaza Strip and have since taken back ground lost to Hamas fighters, it has been reported.

The airstrikes launched by the IDF reportedly killed hundreds of people in Gaza, including women and children.

Among them were a Palestinian husband and wife, who were graduate students of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (Usim).

They were identified as Mohammed J.H. Alzaanin, who was

pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy postgraduate degree and his wife, Kholoud M.H. Elzaneen, a Master of Science student at the Faculty of Science and Technology.

Also killed were 20 of their family members, including four of their five children.

Usim, in a statement posted on its official Facebook page late on Monday night, confirmed this, stating that it had been verified by the Palestinian Student Union president in Malaysia, Ammar H.M. Mahariq.

“Usim expresses its condolences on the passing of two graduates and more than 20 family members of the victims due to the Zionist regime’s bombing in Gaza, Palestine, on Sunday,” the statement said.

Usim said the bombing occurred in the couple’s residential area in Beit Hanoun, about 8am on Sunday.

“In the incident, only one of the victims’ children was reported to have survived.

“According to Palestinian Cultural Organisation Malaysia chairman Badereddin Seyam, 20 family members of the victims were killed,” it said.

Alzaanin completed his viva-voce session at Usim on July 5, and Kholoud was scheduled to take the exam on Oct 23.

Page 1 pic: A Palestinian family walking past a destroyed building following Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City’s al-Rimal district yesterday.