

PM'S STAND: FAHMI RAPS HADI

Minister says Pas president had a chance to ask Anwar about the Palestinian issue on Oct 16, but didn't do so

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COMMUNICATIONS and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil, the spokesman for the unity government, yesterday criticised the action of Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang, who said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim isn't taking a strong enough stand on the Palestinian issue.

He said Hadi, the Marang member of parliament, could ask Anwar in Parliament if there was any issue, but did not do so nor did he attend Parliament sittings.

"From Oct 9 to Thursday, Hadi attended the parliamentary sitting once, on Oct 16, the same day the prime minister made a

statement on the Palestinian issue. So, he (Hadi), had a chance to ask.

"But did Hadi criticise or oppose the prime minister's statement? Not at all," said Fahmi in a post on his X account.

He was commenting on Hadi's statement at a press conference in conjunction with the Pas Mukatamar in Shah Alam, Selangor, on Friday, when asked about Anwar's stand on the Israeli regime's oppression of the Palestinians in Gaza.

Through the post Fahmi also shared the Parliament Hansard dated Oct 16, the same day Anwar made the statement on the Palestinian issue at 11.37 am.

"Opposition leader Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin spoke after-

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wards and congratulated the prime minister over the government's stance on Palestine. Suddenly Hadi interrupted.

"But out of the 136 words he spoke, not a single one was to respond, refute, protest or criticise the prime minister's statement which is said to be not strong enough...

"Is this how a 'pious' man or a

preacher behaves?" he said.

On Oct 16, Anwar said the deployment of Malaysian forces to Palestine, including for peacekeeping or humanitarian missions, could be done only after achieving a consensus from neighbouring countries.

In a briefing on the Palestinian-Israeli crisis at the Dewan Rakyat, Anwar said without the consensus, aircraft carrying Malaysian peacekeepers or humanitarian aid would not be allowed to land.

When tabling the 2024 Budget on Oct 13, Anwar, who is finance minister, said Malaysia would launch a humanitarian fund to help Palestinians with an initial fund of RM10 million. **Berna-ma**

Page 1 pic: Aid workers gather around trucks carrying humanitarian aid that entered the Gaza Strip from Egypt via the Rafah border crossing, yesterday.