

# PM to focus on humanitarian aid after UNSC failure on ceasefire resolution

**DENGKIL:** In light of the failure of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to pass a ceasefire resolution on Thursday, Putrajaya has reaffirmed its commitment to continuing to support the Palestinians against Israeli aggression.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday the focus now would be on efforts to channel humanitarian aid to Palestine.

“We don’t care about other decisions, but our stance is that the rights of the Palestinian people must be respected.

“Yes, it’s about their land, their property, their dignity, and more. But the immediate priority is to stop the attacks and provide humanitarian assistance. That’s our focus now,” he said.

On Thursday, Reuters reported that Russia and China vetoed a United States’ push for the UNSC to act on the Israel-Hamas war by calling for pauses in fighting to allow humanitarian aid access, the protection of civilians, and a stop to arming Hamas and other militants in the Gaza Strip.

It was reported that the US put forward a draft resolution last Saturday as global outcry grew over a worsening humanitarian crisis and the mounting civilian death toll in Gaza.

Reportedly, it made the move just days after it vetoed a humanitarian-focused draft from Brazil, arguing more time was needed

for US-led diplomacy.

At the “Malaysia Stands with Palestine” rally in Bukit Jalil on Tuesday, Anwar reaffirmed Malaysia’s stance on the Israel-Palestine war, despite criticism from pro-Israel countries, including the US.

On Thursday, Bernama quoted Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain as saying that police were beefing up Anwar’s security following the latter’s speech during the rally.

Anwar also said Malaysia would continue to monitor reports that social media platform TikTok had allegedly restricted and removed posts supporting Palestinian causes.

This came after TikTok told Reuters that it had denied the accusations of removing Malaysian posts leaning towards Palestine over the escalating battle between the nation and Israel.

“They (TikTok) denied it, but we will continue to monitor,” Anwar said.

On Thursday, Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil said there was evidence that Tik-

Tok had removed content related to the Palestine-Israel war originating from Malaysian users.

Fahmi said this was substantiated by numerous platform users who reported to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) that their content and live broadcasts were either removed or restricted.

This included content related to Anwar’s speech during the pro-Palestine rally.

Separately, in response to a lawmaker’s suggestion that the government abstain from participating in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation’s Economic Leaders’ Week next month, Anwar said: “We will assess the circumstances before making a decision.”

A news report on Thursday said

Bersatu’s Machang MP Wan Ahmad Fayhsal Wan Ahmad Kamal had called on Putrajaya to skip the event to express Malaysia’s objection to the US government’s position on the unfolding Gaza crisis.

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