

# 'Well use diplomatic efforts to halt bloodshed in Gaza'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia will use all diplomatic means to help stop the massacre of civilians and prevent more bloodshed in Gaza, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the government believed in upholding international law with regard to the Palestinian crisis.

He described what the world was currently witnessing in Gaza as "hard to process, even for those accustomed to seeing the aftermath of hate, terror and violence."

"There should be no doubt, no question, of our commitment in this regard," he said in his address

at the 14th Asean Law Association General Assembly 2023 and Asean Law Conference yesterday.

Anwar lambasted certain parties who preached about upholding international law but acted differently when it came to the situation involving Israel.

"In fact, our security and prosperity are predicated on the primacy of the rules that govern interactions between states. But it is hard to believe in its sanctity when some nations have such a tenacious commitment to the iron fist of the occupation forces - brutal in their instincts, genocidal in

their purpose, nefarious in their ends.

"That difficulty lies not only in knowing of the immense tragedies that have occurred but also in our dread of the catastrophe that awaits," said Anwar.

On the conflict, Anwar posed a question to the floor on what the conflict had to do with the rule of law and then gave his answer.

"Everything and nothing. It has everything to do with the law, because that is what we all ought to be standing for at this moment of grave danger.

"And that should be especially

so for those countries of the world that are always quick to claim that they support a rules-based international order.

"But it also has nothing to do with the law because these very same countries are quick to suspend such talk when it comes to Israel, its brutal occupation of the Palestinians, and its flagrant disregard for the rules-based international order," he said.