

Anwar labels Gaza hospital bombing 'insane'

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has described the bombing of a hospital in the Gaza Strip as an insane and inhumane act..

While condemning the atrocity, Anwar said the Palestinian-Israeli crisis has gone too far and should be stopped immediately.

"Whatever the accusation is, it has resulted in attacks and war. That's why we say it has to stop.

"If it continues, the victims will be women, children and patients, This

has indeed reached the level of pure insanity and inhumanity," he said after attending a symposium titled The Path Towards Greater Prosperity for Malaysia yesterday.

On Tuesday, the Health Ministry in Gaza said at least 500 people had been killed in an Israeli airstrike on Arab Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City.

The World Health Organisation has also condemned the attack, describing it as the bloodiest incident since the conflict began.

Anwar said he has planned to meet with several of his foreign counterparts to discuss the Palestinian-Israeli crisis.

"I will think about the needs and discuss with several foreign leaders, either by going to their countries or just through phone calls."

Anwar said he is also scheduled to meet with Saudi Arabian Prime Minister Crown Prince Mohammad Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud at the Gulf Cooperation Council

"Summit later this week to discuss the conflict

On the status of the Malaysian peacekeeping force under the United Nations mission in Lebanon, Anwar said at the moment, the force is still being maintained.

He said the decision to maintain peacekeeping forces in the country was made with the United Nations.

"As long as their safety is secured, we will continue, but if not, we will bring them home." - Bernama