

# Cooperation needed to stop Gaza attacks, says Anwar

CAIRO: All parties, including the world's major powers, must work towards a ceasefire in Gaza to ease tensions in the region, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the killing of children, women and innocent Palestinians in Gaza must stop.

"Malaysia is not a big country, not an Arab country, not a Gulf country that neighbours Palestine. But we are responsible for voicing the conscience of the *ummah* and the Palestinian people," he said when speaking at

a meet-and-greet session with the Malaysian diaspora and students in Egypt on Sunday.

About 1,200 Malaysians gathered at the event, which was also attended by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir, Deputy Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Khairul Firdaus Akbar Khan, Malaysian Ambassador to Egypt Zamani Ismail and Malaysian embassy officials in Cairo.

Anwar highlighted the stance adopted by several Western powers that did not seem interested in stopping the cruelty, oppression

and killing of Palestinians in Gaza, while being cold towards the efforts of sending humanitarian aid.

Earlier in Istanbul, he mentioned that several Arab leaders he had met provided positive response to the issues raised by Malaysia regarding developments in Gaza.

"Many Islamic countries have made positive determinations. Stop the attacks and intensify efforts to assist the people of Gaza from a humanitarian perspective," he said at a media

conference at the end of his two-day working visit to Turkiye.

Anwar also met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Vahdettin Palace in Istanbul, where they discussed various issues, including trade, economic cooperation and bilateral relations.

He said Turkiye is seen as being at the forefront in terms of providing aid to the Palestinian people, as the country channelled various forms of medical aid to Gaza.

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