

I will not be swayed by threats over Palestine support: PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has revealed that he received multiple "threats" from western countries following Malaysia's firm stand, support and commitment in defending the rights of the Palestinian people as well as criticism against the Israeli government.

He said as long as he is given the mandate and trust by the people, as the head of the government, he will not succumb to or be intimidated by such threats.

He added that as a sovereign nation, Malaysia will remain independent and continue to defend the country's freedom as

well as advocate the freedom of the Palestinian people.

"I have received numerous threats. I told them you have chosen the wrong person. As long as I have the trust of the people, I will not succumb to such threats.

"We will continue to fight," he said during his speech at the Malaysia Stands with Palestine Rally held at the Axiata Arena in Bukit Jalil on Tuesday night.

Anwar also criticised the United States' biased stance condemning Russia regarding the Ukraine issue but supporting Israel in the Palestinian invasion.

He pointed out that Israel's arrogance, fuelled by support from

the United States and Europe, led to horrific acts such as intentional killing of infants during attacks on hospitals and schools.

"It is a level of insanity to allow people to be butchered, babies to be killed, hospitals to be bombed and schools to be destroyed. These are acts of barbarism. We observe that when Israel invades Palestine, there is silence. What kind of justice is this? It's the law of the jungle."

He also conveyed the deep appreciation expressed by Arab nations such as Qatar, Bahrain and Egypt for Malaysia's efforts to address the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Anwar said most Islamic leaders whom he had recently met, acknowledged the difficulty in resolving the Palestinian conflict.

"Their future (Palestinians) is very bleak, with a potential that the Israeli army will continue to invade Gaza. The situation has been extremely grim in recent weeks, with a significant number of casualties caused by Israeli forces.

"We have faith in Allah's help, but what's crucial is that we must continue to provide encouragement and support for the freedom of the Palestinian people," he said to chants of "Long Live Palestine" and "Free Palestine" - Bernama