

# PALESTINE ENVOY THANKS PM

Malaysia is first Asian country to host and treat the injured from Gaza

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**P**ALESTINIAN ambassador to Malaysia Walid Abu Ali has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the Malaysian government for their support in hosting and treating injured Palestinian civilians.

Malaysia has become the first Asian country to accommodate a large number of injured Palestinians and the ambassador said words could not fully capture his appreciation.

"Thank you, Malaysia, thank you, Anwar for your commitment to hosting injured Palestinians as a result of the Israeli aggression," Walid said at a press conference following the arrival of 127 Palestinian civilians at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) Subang Air Base.

He praised Malaysia for its consistent solidarity and for prioritising Palestine in its foreign policy.

The injured civilians, who arrived about 2pm, were flown from Almaza Air Base in Egypt by two RMAF Airbus A400M airlifters.

The group included 41 injured men, women, and children, along with 86 relatives.



*Injured Palestinians from Gaza arriving at the Royal Malaysian Air Force Subang Air Base in Subang yesterday. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS*

Upon arrival, RMAF medical staff met the group and conducted initial examinations at a field hospital set up in the hangar before further treatment.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the mission followed Anwar's announcement at the Palestine solidarity rally in Kuala Lumpur on Aug 4.

Khaled said the injured Palestinians would be assessed by army medical personnel before being treated at Tuanku Mizan Military Hospital.

"They will be transported via 26 ambulances, and three wards

have been prepared to accommodate them," he added.

He said the injured would remain in Malaysia as their conditions might require extended treatment.

The decision to treat the injured in Malaysia was made due to the risks of setting up a field hospital in Gaza amid ongoing attacks, he added.

"Malaysia's stance on this issue poses risks for us. Treating them here allows us to provide care in a safer environment."

The prime minister had previously announced Malaysia's commitment to bringing injured

Palestinians, particularly women and children, to the country for treatment, with the facilitation from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

Nearly 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, and many more injured, following Israel's offensive on Gaza in response to a Hamas attack on Oct 7 last year.

*Page 1 pic: Palestinians flown in aboard two Royal Malaysian Air Force Airbus A400M planes being wheeled to a field hospital at RMAF Subang Air Base for initial treatment yesterday.*