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Anwar lauds Fatah, Hamas pact on Palestinian unity

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim welcomes the agreement between Fatah and Hamas to strengthen Palestinian unity.

He said the Beijing Declaration represented a promising step towards achieving Palestinian solidarity, crucial for realising the rights of the Palestinian people.

"I commend the government of the People's Republic of China for facilitating talks between Fatah, Hamas and 12 other Palestinian political factions.

"It is my sincere hope that this declaration of unity will translate into tangible results on the ground and withstand future challenges.

"International backing is es-

sential, and I urge governments that have not yet done so to recognise the state of Palestine and support these unity efforts.

"All relevant parties must work towards ending the barbaric attacks on the Palestinians by Israeli forces.

"Malaysia stands ready to promote actively all measures towards that end," he said in social media postings.

Earlier, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi hailed an agreement between 14 Palestinian factions to set up an "interim national reconciliation government" to govern Gaza after the war. The factions met in Beijing this week in a renewed bid for reconciliation.

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