

RESPECT WILL OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Enforce UNSC resolution on Gaza, says Anwar

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MALAYSIA has expressed in the strongest terms its endorsement of the

United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2728 on Gaza. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said for the sake of Ramadan, the legally binding resolution must be enforced now. The resolution demands an immediate ceasefire, unconditional release of all hostages, and the removal of barriers to the provision of humanitarian aid. "We must immediately relieve the people of Gaza from the immense pain and suffering they have now endured for almost six months.

"Particularly, the United States

must prevail upon its ally to respect the will of the international community and accordingly observe the ceasefire and permit the immediate and massive entry of emergency aid," he said.

He also applauded the bravery and commitment to humanity of the 10 elected members of the council namely Algeria, Guyana, Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Korea and Switzerland.

He expressed Malaysia's commitment to the Palestinian cause adding that it will continue efforts for the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

This also includes the admission of Palestine as a full member of the United Nations.

After more than five months of war, the UNSC for the first time

on Monday demanded an immediate ceasefire after the United States, Israel's ally which vetoed previous drafts, abstained.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said Malaysia has sent over 400 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Gaza in collaboration with non-governmental organisations since last year.

He said the latest was an emer-

gency humanitarian aid mission of 100 containers from Cairo to Gaza. It was overseen by the Malaysia Consultative Council of Islamic Organisations.

"The aid containers include 1,358 tonnes of basic necessities such as wheat flour, food boxes, mother and baby items valued at RM12 million," he said in a written reply in Parliament when re-

sponding to a question from Azli Yusof (PH-Shah Alam).

Meanwhile, Centre for Human Rights Research and Advocacy urged the International Criminal Court to expedite its investigations and take decisive action against those responsible for genocide and war crimes. Additional reporting by Fatin Nurul Najihah