

ANWAR MEETS HANIYEH

Malaysia seeks end to Rafah attacks, to mobilise Gaza aid efforts

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has met Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh to offer his condolences over the deaths of his family members in an Israeli airstrike last month. In a Facebook post, Anwar said he met Haniyeh in Qatar.

He said he was briefed on the worsening situation in Gaza and Rafah, which have been hit by Israeli attacks for eight months.

Nearly all of the Gaza Strip has been destroyed since the start of the latest Israeli aggression in October.

“I stressed Malaysia’s commitment to playing its role on the

international stage in stopping the attacks on Rafah and mobilising efforts to assist the victims of the conflict, especially where humanitarian aid, medical care and education are concerned,” said Anwar.

“Malaysia appreciates Hamas’ readiness to release captives it holds, particularly children and women, and accepting the

peace plan drawn up by the Arab world, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the international community.

“At the same time, Malaysia urges Israel to stop its assault on Palestinians, release all Palestinian prisoners and agree to the peace plan.”

Aside from Ismail, others at the meeting included Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and former Hamas chairman Khaled Mashal.



A roundtable meeting between the Malaysian delegation and Qatari captains of industry in Doha on Monday. BERNAMA PIC