

Malaysia steadfast in stand against atrocities by Israel

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is firm in its stand that Israel should stop atrocities against the Palestinians, release all Palestinian prisoners and agree to a peace plan, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In a post on his Facebook page, Anwar said he conveyed the matter when he met a Hamas delegation led by its leader Ismail Haniyeh and former Hamas chairman Khaled Mashal in Qatar.

He said Malaysia will also continue to play its role at the

> Nation to continue playing role at international level to halt attack on Rafah, mobilise efforts to help Palestinians with humanitarian aid, says Anwar

international level to stop the attack on Rafah, mobilise more efforts to help victims of the war in Gaza, especially in terms of humanitarian

aid, medicine and education.

"Since the conflict broke out (almost) eight months ago, hundreds of thousands of

Palestinians have been injured or killed with half of Gaza in permanent destruction due to the brutality of the Zionist regime.

"Malaysia appreciates the willingness of Hamas to release prisoners, especially children and women, and to accept the peace plan of the Arab world, the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation) and the international community," said Anwar.

He said he also conveyed during the meeting his condolences on the demise of Ismail's family members who were killed in brutal bombings by the Zionist regime.

He added that he was also briefed on the latest situation in Gaza and Rafah.

On Monday, Anwar, who is currently on a three-day official visit to Qatar, met the two top leaders of the Qatari government to discuss the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, taking into account the latest developments in the Gaza Strip.

He said both countries agreed that all parties should play a role in finding a solution to end the suffering of the Palestinian people, Bernama reported.

Malaysia is one of the countries that condemns the Zionist atrocities and supports efforts towards the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state.

The battle between Palestine and the Zionist regime, which has been going on for more than seven months since Oct 7, claiming more than 35,000 Palestinian lives so far, has culminated with Israel's invasion of Rafah.



Anwar being greeted by Ismail Haniyeh at a hotel in Doha yesterday. - BERNAMAPIC