

Anwar to attend summit on Israeli atrocities in Palestine

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has received an invitation from King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to participate in an extraordinary Arab-Islamic Summit on Nov 11, focused on addressing the ongoing war crimes and atrocities committed by Israel against Palestine.

Anwar said his attendance at the summit in Riyadh aims to present the mandate of the Malaysian Parliament in advocating firm action to halt Israeli aggression and atrocities against the Palestinian people.

Malaysia will also raise concerns about the invasion and destruction of places of worship in the occupied Palestinian territory as well as attacks on areas in Lebanon and Iran, including the targeted assassinations of Ismail Haniyeh and Yahya Sinwar.

"This summit will further discuss the challenges currently faced by the

> Malaysia to push for UNRWA support, ceasefire and humanitarian aid for Palestinians at Arab-Islamic conference

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) following Israel's decision on Oct 28 to ban the humanitarian organisation's operations," Anwar said during a briefing session on the Palestinian issue in the Dewan Rakyat.

At the summit, Malaysia plans to call for full support for UNRWA in delivering social services and humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

Anwar added that Malaysia seeks to gain backing from Arab and Islamic nations to counter the Israeli Parliament's decision to restrict UNRWA, which exacerbates the humanitarian crisis in northern Gaza, where starvation has become

severe due to prolonged restrictions on essential aid.

"One approach could involve the Arab-Islamic Summit supporting mediation efforts for a ceasefire led by the US, Egypt and Qatar, which have developed a framework for an agreement requiring acceptance by all parties involved since May. Our concern is that Israel's actions have been facilitated by support from countries continuously supplying them with weapons, including the US and several European nations," he said.

Anwar emphasised the importance of Malaysia and the international community condemning Israel's actions in

Palestine, and pressing for an immediate ceasefire to facilitate the delivery of medicine, food and other essential humanitarian supplies, Bernama reported.

He also advocated mobilising the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid concerning Israel.

He highlighted Malaysia's role as a member of the Global Coalition, which seeks to increase diplomatic pressure on Israel to enforce a lasting ceasefire in Gaza, secure the release of Palestinian prisoners, withdraw from occupied territories and alleviate Palestinian suffering through the resumption of humanitarian aid.

"We will discuss a concrete action plan and identify steps to achieve full independence for Palestine within a realistic time frame. As a nation that upholds justice and international law, Malaysia remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting Palestinian rights and a fair and lasting resolution," he added.