

PM condemns Western hypocrisy on Gaza

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has strongly criticised Western countries for the perceived hypocrisy in handling the Gaza conflict.

"The sheer hypocrisy of many countries in the West to condone what is happening in Gaza is shocking to me and appalling."

Anwar was speaking during an exclusive interview with US-based broadcaster and political commentator Mehdi Hasan.

"Malaysia is a small country but it is a voice of conscience, and I represent the vast majority of Malaysians."

Anwar called out the United States for its contradictory stance on the conflict.

"The US supports a ceasefire, but at the same time, sends weapons."

"To me, that's sheer hypocrisy of the US administration."

He clarified Malaysia's position on the matter, focusing on the Palestinian issue and the actions of Israel.

Anwar was also asked about Malaysia's stance on not allowing Israeli ships to dock in any of the country's ports, and why this ban was not extended to ships from other countries, such as the US, which plays a vital role in supporting Israel.

He said Malaysia must take a realistic approach and if the country were to extend the ban to ships from other nations, it would involve confronting hundreds of other countries.

He said Malaysia has confined its actions to addressing the issue of Palestine and the direct perpetration by Israel.

On the topic of arrest warrants filed by the International Criminal Court, which included two arrest warrants for Israeli top leaders and three for Hamas leaders, Anwar was asked whether he supported holding Hamas leaders to account for war crimes.

He said his stance is that the victim should not be prosecuted and that Hamas is an organisation that was elected to represent their people.

On being asked if somebody could be pro-Palestinian without being pro-Hamas, he said: "Sure, but it is up to the Palestinians to decide who they want."

"I don't necessarily share their views on many issues but I do understand the plight of these people."

"If one part of my country is being colonised, I wouldn't stop." - Bernama