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# 'WE STAND WITH GAZA ON PALESTINE FREEDOM'

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has renewed calls to stand with Gaza until Palestine sees justice and freedom.

Recounting the courage of the Malaysians aboard the Global Sumud Flotilla a few months ago, Anwar said such courage in braving the seas and enduring harsh treatment during Israeli detention reflected the strength of

Malaysia's solidarity with the Palestinian people.

"When major world powers remained silent or even penalised those who spoke out against the Zionist regime, Malaysia openly supported the Global Sumud Flotilla's humanitarian mission to Gaza," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

Following the flotilla's interception by Israel on Oct 2, Anwar said the government moved swiftly to secure the release of the 23 Malaysian volunteers.

"Every moment was utilised to

formulate strategies, mobilise diplomatic channels and ensure their safety remained the nation's utmost priority," he said.

He added that high-level negotiations involving Turkiye, Egypt, Jordan and the United States eventually yielded positive results.

"All of our humanitarian heroes were safely released and returned home on Oct 7, bringing relief and joy to Malaysians who had been closely following developments with great hope," he said.