

# Anwar lauds Gaza flotilla volunteers

## PM praises their courage and humanitarian spirit despite challenges

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The courage of Malaysian humanitarian volunteers championing the plight of Palestinians in Gaza is a symbol of the nation's steadfast commitment to universal humanitarian principles on the international stage, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said as major world powers remained silent and penalised those who spoke out against the atrocities of the Zionist regime, Malaysia openly supported the Global Sumud Flotilla's humanitarian mission to Gaza.

"When the flotilla was attacked by Israel forces on Oct 2, and the humanitarian volunteers, including 23 Malaysians, were detained, we acted swiftly without delay

"Every moment was used to



### Admirable effort:

Anwar lauded the Global Sumud Flotilla volunteers whose October mission to deliver aid to Gaza made headlines around the world.

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devise strategies, mobilise diplomatic channels and ensure their safety as the nation's absolute priority," he posted on Facebook.

"Their bravery in crossing the seas and their steadfast resolve in defending our brothers and sisters in Palestine, despite being

treated harshly in Israeli detention, reflect the strength of Malaysia's solidarity.

"May this courage continue to burn brightly and guide us to stand firmly with Gaza until justice is upheld on the soil of a free Palestine," he said.

In another post, the Prime Minister said Malaysia's achievement at the just concluded SEA Games should motivate stronger preparations for other major sports events to ensure the country stays competitive.

"This success is the result of high discipline, continuous sacrifices and the unwavering fighting spirit of our athletes, coaches and team officials in bringing honour to the nation on the regional stage."

Anwar said preparations for Malaysia as the host of the SEA Games next year will be carried out comprehensively, systematically and competently.

"(This is) not only in terms of infrastructure and organisation but also in building a sustainable sports ecosystem and producing world-class talent," he added.

The Prime Minister said sports is a platform for uniting people across races, regions, and backgrounds in a spirit of togetherness and national pride.

"This is the true strength of Malaysia that must continue to be nurtured and strengthened."

The 2025 SEA Games hosted by Thailand saw Malaysia finishing in fourth place with 57 gold, 57 silver and 117 bronze medals.