

## FLOTILLAS TO GAZA

# PM DEMANDS RELEASE OF VOLUNTEERS

Detention of humanitarian vessels violates dignity of humanity as a whole, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has “strongly condemned” the Israeli forces’ interception of the Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC) and Thousand Madleens To Gaza (TMTG) humanitarian missions.

In a Facebook post, he said he had told that the vessels, which also carried Malaysians, were intercepted by Israeli forces in international waters.

He described the provocative act as a blatant violation of international law.

He demanded the immediate release of all Malaysian activists and volunteers, that they be given protection and that no harm be-

fall them during their detention.

“The detention of a humanitarian vessel carrying aid for the people of Gaza is inhumane and violates the fundamental principles of human rights and the dignity of humanity as a whole,” he said.

“The Madani government will do everything within its means to safeguard the lives of all Malaysians involved in this humanitarian mission and will engage with friendly nations and international organisations to facilitate their swift release.”

It was reported that Israeli forces attacked vessels sailing

under the missions, intercepting them after jamming their signals.

Reuters quoted Israel’s Foreign Ministry as saying those on board were safe and would be taken to an Israeli port before deportation.

Government spokesman Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said the Foreign Ministry was monitoring developments involving the nine Malaysian volunteers from the Freedom Flotilla.

“Wisma Putra is monitoring this issue closely and is ready to take the necessary action, including through high-level diplomatic efforts and our relations with coun-

tries that have diplomatic ties with Israel,” he said after the presentation of appointment letters to members of the Bernama Supervisory Council and Board of Governors for the 2025-2027 term.

Fahmi, who is communications minister, said the government was awaiting further reports on the volunteers and expected to get a clearer update soon.

The nine Malaysians are part of some 100 volunteers from around the world on board the vessels.

The latest mission includes doctors, politicians, journalists and international activists.