

'SEMBLANCE OF HOPE'

ANWAR HAILS GAZA TRUCE PROGRESS

**PM lauds sincere
efforts to end
violence, uphold
justice for Palestine**

KUALA LUMPUR

P RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has welcomed reports of progress in Gaza ceasefire negotiations, describing the development as a “semblance of hope” after months of relentless suffering and destruction in the region.

In a Facebook post yesterday, Anwar said any effort to halt violence and protect innocent lives

must be pursued with sincerity and urgency.

“Malaysia stands in full solidarity with the people of Palestine in their quest for justice, dignity and statehood.

“I urge all relevant parties to seize this opportunity to move towards a comprehensive and enduring peace.”

Reports of progress in talks between Israel and Hamas have emerged amid growing international pressure to end the conflict in Gaza, which has resulted in widespread humanitarian crises and thousands of civilian casualties.

United States President Donald Trump said Israel and Hamas had signed off on the first phase of the US-proposed Gaza deal, allowing for the release of



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the 'Himpunan Solidariti Bersama Gaza: Gelombang Malaysia, Palestin Merdeka' in Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, on Wednesday, NSTP PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

hostages held by Hamas.

Hamas said the deal also included an Israeli withdrawal from the enclave and a hostage-prisoner exchange.

In a separate social media post, Anwar stressed that Malaysia would not waver in upholding justice for Palestine.

“Malaysia will not be intimidated in standing up for what is right. We will continue to stand alongside the international community that values peace, in opposing the cruelty of the Zionist regime and demanding that humanitarian aid be delivered im-

mediately to the people of Gaza.

“We will continue to strengthen cooperation with friendly nations, the Islamic world and global humanitarian coalitions to carry out aid missions and pave the way towards lasting peace, to establish a free, sovereign and dignified Palestinian state.”

The statement followed a gathering on Wednesday night, where Malaysians came together to show support for Palestinians.

Anwar said he was deeply moved by the outpouring of support at the “Himpunan Solidariti Bersama Gaza: Gelombang

Malaysia, Palestin Merdeka” event, calling it a reflection of Malaysia’s true character as a principled and compassionate nation.

“This is the true face of Malaysia which is a nation with strong principles, a big heart and people who refuse to let tyranny run rampant.”

“As long as the land of Gaza continues to be bombarded and violated, we will not remain silent. Our voices will continue to echo on the streets, on the world stage and in every Malaysian heart,” he added.