

We will act if Gaza flotilla is seized, says Anwar



Detailed briefing: Anwar listening to Malaysia Consultative Council of Islamic Organisations (Mapim) chief executive officer Datuk Dr Ahmad Sani Araby Al-Kahery at the Sumud Nusantara Command Centre, Mapim Malaysia Central Warehouse, in Sepang. — Bernama

SEPANG: Malaysia will initiate a strong protest if the Gaza-bound Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) humanitarian aid vessel is intercepted or seized by Israel, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said diplomatic efforts with various other countries, including world global powers, would also be mobilised.

“We will initiate a strong and comprehensive protest, and I will strive to contact all parties, including countries that had presented a (peace) proposal, particularly Italy, Spain and Turkiye, with support from China.

“We are also looking at initiatives presented by France and Saudi Arabia, with whom we are in contact, because they intend to propose peace,” he said after visit-

ing the Sumud Nusantara Command Centre (SNCC).

Anwar also stressed the importance of forging close relationships with Western and Arab countries and major powers, including the United States, to ensure the voices of the Palestinian people can be heard.

“I hope our friends in this struggle are not swayed by the chatter here, (because) they understand the meaning of negotiations and the insistence for world leaders, particularly the United States, to accept the reality and the demands of the global community,” he said.

Anwar hoped that the meeting with US President Donald Trump during the 47th Asean Summit in October would provide an effective resolution to ending

the conflict in Gaza, Bernama reported.

The Prime Minister also said the government will assist the families of 34 Malaysians participating in the humanitarian mission to ensure their welfare is safeguarded.

He said support would be extended to both the delegates and their families so that no difficulties are faced during the mission.

Anwar also expressed admiration for the commitment shown by the Malaysian participants in delivering aid to the Palestinian people.

“We will continue to provide whatever is needed, both for our friends on the mission and for their families here in Malaysia,” he said.