

PM moots proposal to seek justice for Palestine

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given the full right to have a say on matters that directly affect them. Our duty is to ensure that the issue of Palestine remains at the centre stage of international conscience," Abdullah said.

The meeting saw representation from 14 OIC countries and other foreign observers.

Abdullah suggested that a "people-based global movement" push Governments to seek justice for Palestine, asking participating OIC countries to consider how they could implement this.

He said although the circumstances surrounding the conflict were becoming more complex, the core issue that remained was state terrorism by Israel against Palestine.

"The question of Palestine is not a religious conflict between Muslims and Jews. It is about state terrorism, Israeli aggression and occupation of Palestinian land by force."

On Iraq, Abdullah said it was appropriate for the US to table a resolution in the UN Security Council to give the UN a central role in Iraq, following the US' planned transfer of power to the Iraqi people on June 30.

"I am confident that all members of the

international community will support this move," he said.

He said it was also necessary that anti-occupation sentiments in Iraq be contained so that all hostility could cease in order for peace to be re-established in the country.

The 14 OIC countries attending the special meeting are Qatar, Malaysia, Senegal, Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Guinea, Pakistan, Palestine, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Indonesia.

Discussions were held in two groups — the Committee on Palestine and the Committee on Al-Quds (Jerusalem).