

**Parliament: Malaysia Has Never Had Diplomatic Ties With Israel**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has never had any diplomatic ties with Israel, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman said, telling the Dewan Rakyat Wednesday that such policy is clear and has never changed.

Malaysia has been consistent in expressing its concern and condemnation against Israeli attacks and intrusion into the territories occupied by Palestinians, and against Israel's illegal settlements in the West Bank, he said.

"As a country which cares and sympathises with Palestine, Malaysia has been and will continue to support the Palestinians in terms of social, politics and economy. This includes financial and humanitarian assistance through the reconstruction aid for Gaza and West Bank.

"Malaysia also provides training to Palestine under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme and other assistance given by non-governmental organisations," he said in reply to a question from Datuk Juslie Ajirol (BN-Libaran) during question time.

Anifah also touched on the statement made by Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who was quoted by the Wall Street Journal in January as supporting the security of Israel.

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