

**Hamas PM: Najib Expresses Wish To Visit Gaza  
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GAZA (Palestine), Dec 10 (Bernama) -- Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had expressed his wish to visit Gaza next year.

He said Najib told him this after he phoned Najib on Tuesday to thank him for the aid from the government and people of Malaysia for Palestine, and he also extended his personal invitation to Najib to visit Gaza.

"I personally invited him and hope for an immediate visit from the prime minister of Malaysia. He also stated seriously that he would surely visit Gaza," he said when receiving a courtesy visit from the 1Malaysia Putera Club volunteer group (KP1M), here.

The meeting was held at a small hall on the fringes of Gaza beach, after his original office was destroyed during the eight days of shelling by the Israeli military on Gaza last month.

Ismail, in his speech in Arabic which was translated by Perlis Mufti Dr Juanda Jaya, also expressed his pride in seeing the Malaysian flag waving together with that of Palestine on the occasion of the 25th Hamas Anniversary recently.

"This shows the very close relations between Malaysia and Palestine. It is not strange as this relations have been built for so long. We are proud because Malaysia makes the Palestinian issue as a major issue in the country," he said.

Haniyeh also expressed his wish to visit Malaysia soon if the situation in Palestine returns to normal.

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