

**Parliament condemns Israel for Gaza attacks**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 20 — Parliament today approved an emergency motion to condemn and urge a halt to Israel's attacks on Palestinians in Gaza, even as the death toll continues to rise in the armed conflict.

Among others, the House resolved to "condemn strongly the Israeli military attacks" and "urge the full withdrawal" of Israel from Gaza and the West Bank.

The House also resolved to urge the United Nations Security Council to compel Israel to stop its attacks immediately and to decide whether a UN peacekeeping force should be deployed in Gaza.

Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz tabled the motion today after being directed to do so by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on Sunday.

Nazri, the minister in the Prime Minister's Department, read out the 10-point motion before it was debated by MPs.

MPs from both sides of the political divide agreed to the motion, with some proposing additional points.

Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (PKR-Permatang Pauh) said Israel should be called a "terrorist state", adding that pressure should be imposed on the US, which he claimed had given space for Israel to carry out the attacks.

Kamaruddin Jaafar (PAS-Tumpat) proposed that Malaysia cut off all ties with Israel including selling palm oil to the state.

In his winding-up speech, Nazri said Najib had spoken to US President Barack Obama over the attacks.

Obama said he would work to end the Israeli attacks and revive the peace process known as the "two-state solution", Nazri said.

"Malaysia has never had direct ties of import or export to Israel.

"Malaysia is a country that practises free trade. So, we can't control international trade, including the final destination of our goods," Nazri said.

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