

Emergency motion condemning Israeli attacks to be tabled in Parliament Monday
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PHNOM PENH: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has directed Minister in the Prime Minister's Department to table an emergency motion in the Dewan Rakyat on Monday to express strong condemnation against Israeli attacks on the Palestinians in Gaza.

Najib said the motion, among others, would:

- strongly condemn Israeli military attacks in Gaza that has resulted in the loss of lives of Palestinians,
- urge the United Nations Security Council to issue a resolution demanding Israel to immediately stop its military aggression,
- urge the United Nations to hold an emergency session if the Security Council fails to do so,
- express the solid support of Malaysians for the struggle of the Palestinians, and
- forward the resolution to all parliaments, especially the American Congress, British and European Parliaments

Najib is in Phnom Penh to attend the 21st Asean Summit and other related summit conferences for three days, from Sunday.

Israel had launched a new attack named, 'Pillar of Defence', on Palestinian territory at Gaza and so far, 40 people have been killed, including Hamas leader Ahmed Jaber, six children, a pregnant woman and a teacher with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

More than 345 people were injured.

Three Israeli citizens were also killed and 18 others injured as a result of counter attacks by Hamas.

Najib said the attacks were clearly inhuman and violated international laws, international humanitarian laws, UN Charter, and they were indeed, war crimes under the 1949 Geneva Fourth Convention on the protection of civilians in a war.

"Malaysia holds firmly to the stand that there was no strong reason to use unfair, indiscriminate and excessive force on Gaza," he said.

Najib said Malaysia regretted the inability of the international community, especially the UN Security Council, to stop the Israeli violence.

On Nov 15, the 39th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Djibouti, issued a communique condemning Israeli military attack on Gaza and urged the UN Security Council to find a solution to end the conflict.

At the meeting, Malaysia condemned the Israeli army's attacks and urged the Security Council to take swift action to cease the Israeli violence.

"I have also raised the matter at the 21st Asean Summit Conference and other related summit conferences in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, starting today until Nov 20," said Najib.

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