

**Najib's Visit To Gaza Reinstates Palestinians Hope For Freedom, Says Yusuf Al-Qaradawi**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's maiden visit to Gaza continues to receive acknowledgement from the international community for his stance in supporting the Palestinian cause.

This includes one from the Board of Trustees, Al-Quds International Institution which has expressed their appreciation in a letter to the prime minister, describing the visit as clearly an unmistakable sign to the international community and leaders of the Islamic nations.

"It is a clear sign on the urgent need for bold action towards ending the inhumane siege, not only in Gaza Strip but also in the West Bank and Occupied Jerusalem," its Chairman Yusuf Al-Qaradawi said.

The letter was faxed to Bernama Sunday.

It was also noted that Najib's courageous visit to the besieged Gaza Strip has reinstated hope among millions of Palestinians who have been looking for freedom for decades.

"Malaysia for them (Palestinians) have long been regarded as a leading Islamic nation, especially in supporting the Palestinian people and the Palestinian cause.

"This specific visit has further asserted this support and fuelled again this regard and notability," Al-Qaradawi said.

Najib entered Gaza for a one-day humanitarian visit in January, the first for a Malaysian Prime Minister, during his three-day working trip to Egypt before he attended the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

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