

**Najib praised for visiting war-torn Gaza**  
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**KUANTAN: Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah yesterday praised Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak for his recent visit to war-torn Palestine as this will encourage more Malaysians to provide humanitarian aid to the people there.**

He said Najib also displayed the strong spirit of Malaysians who had never stopped lending assistance to the ravaged country to reduce their suffering.

"I am grateful that our prime minister is committed to finding a solution to bring the conflict in Palestine to an end.

"As we know, his visit to Gaza was to see and observe for himself the situation there.

"His concern should be an example to all Malaysians and I hope this noble effort will be followed by other countries to help to bring peace in Palestine," he said in his speech before presenting a RM1.1 million contribution to Perdana Global Peace Foundation (PGPF) adviser Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir yesterday.

He also paid tribute to the endless efforts by non-governmental organisations in the country to ease the burden of Palestinians.

"Several NGOs, including the PGPF, Haluan Palestin, Aman Palestin and 1Malaysia Putera Club should be praised but their humanitarian missions will not succeed without the awareness and support from Malaysians."

Meanwhile, Mukhriz said PGPF had collected RM5.5 million for the Gaza fund from various parties including the private and government sectors, mosques and individuals.

To date, he said some RM2 million has been used to supply medicine and clean water to the people in Gaza and more humanitarian missions would be deployed soon.

"The Palestine Deputy Prime Minister and Health Minister have also informed us that most of the medical supplies in the hospitals have expired and they are seeking our assistance to provide new equipment for the hospital including X-ray machines," he said.

Present was Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

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