

Malaysia Condemns Attacks on Saudi Arabia
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia, in condemning missile attacks on Saudi Arabia, has expressed hope that the perpetrators will be brought to justice.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman in a statement tonight said the attacks were a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and constituted a threat to regional and global peace and security.

"Malaysia stands firm in solidarity with Saudi Arabia in this regard. Makkah is the holiest and most sacred place for all Muslims.

"The acts of aggression are clearly an utter disrespect of the sanctity of the holy site. It is deplorable and contrary to Islamic teachings and principles," he said in a statement at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's Council of Foreign Ministers' Emergency Session in Saudi Arabia, Thursday.

On Oct 27, a Yemeni Houthi ballistic missile was launched towards Makkah City, but the missile was intercepted and destroyed by Saudi ground forces.

A similar attack by the Houthis was carried out on a Saudi Airbase in Taif on October 10.

"Although there were no reported casualties from these attacks, they have sparked outrage amongst the Muslim communities across the world," he said.

The meeting was held to discuss the crucial issue of security of the Holy Land which is of much concern to Muslims.

During the meeting, Anifah had also expressed Malaysia's support for the nomination of Dr Yusuf Ahmed Al-Othaimen as the new OIC Secretary-General, as well as appreciation and gratitude to Tan Sri Iyad Ameen Madani for his contributions to the organisation during his tenure as the Secretary-General.

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