

## **Najib Extends Greetings on Palestine International Day of Solidarity**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today extended Malaysia's greetings to Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian people in conjunction with the country's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestine People.

Najib, in a statement issued by the Foreign Affairs Ministry, said that for almost 70 years, international efforts to find a just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine have remained largely unsuccessful.

"Countless resolutions passed by the United Nations have been totally ignored by Israel.

"Sadly, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and the world powers seem paralysed or unwilling to reprimand Israel for its intransigence," he said.

The Prime Minister said Israel has continued to ignore the resolutions adopted at the UNSC and United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

"Israel continues to impinge on or disregard the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine while committing inhumane policies and practices that are in clear violation of international law as well as human rights and humanitarian laws.

"It is most disturbing that Israel could do so with impunity, in blatant disregard of the views and sentiments of the people worldwide," he said, adding that the continuous provocations and escalating violence in and around the holy sites of Jerusalem cannot be allowed to continue.

Najib said that through the years, Malaysia has been unwavering in its support of the aspirations of the Palestinian people and that the country has called on all parties to take urgent action to the two-state solution that would allow Palestinians the fundamental right to self-determination and statehood.

"Malaysia commends the Palestinian people for their strength and determination in their struggle for a State of Palestine.

"The Malaysian people will continue to support and stand together with the Palestinians, and share their hope for a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine, in accordance with international law and various UNSC and UNGA resolutions," he said.

Najib also said he hoped that the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestine People would heighten public awareness on all aspects of the question of Palestine and promote wider international support and assistance to the Palestinian people.

"May Allah the Almighty grant the Palestinian people with the return of a nation called Palestine that

is independent, democratic and contiguous, living side-by-side, in peace and security with Israel, based on pre-1967 borders," he added.

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