

Israel's actions in Lebanon and Gaza inhumane, says Khairy

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PETALING JAYA: The Barisan Nasional Youth has handed to the embassies of all members of the UN Security Council a memorandum calling upon all world governments and their citizens to stop Israel's inhumane actions in Lebanon and Gaza.

The document, which also called on the council to impose an immediate ceasefire to be enforced by an international

force, was also handed over to the missions of the five permanent members of the council.

In a memorandum of protest handed to the American, Chinese, Russian, French embassies and the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur on Friday, the group condemned the Israeli armed forces for its aggression, which was aggravating the humanitarian crisis

in Gaza and Lebanon.

The Youth of Malaysia rally of more than 2,000 people, led by Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin, first marched to the US embassy to hand over the memorandum of protest.

"We demand the UN Security Council pass a resolution to stop the Israeli atrocities.

"This is nothing short of

genocide and murder," said 30-year-old Khairy at the protest outside the American mission.

The Umno Youth secretariat spokesman said the same memorandum had been sent to the missions of the 10 non-permanent council members - Tanzania, Argentina, Greece, Qatar, Congo, Slovakia, Denmark, Peru, Ghana and

Japan.

The memorandum among others:

- DEMANDS that Israel ceases all military attacks, lifts its blockade and withdraws all its terrorist forces from Palestine and Lebanon;

- URGES the conflicting parties to enter negotiations for the exchange of captured and imprisoned personnel; and

- INSISTS that Israel releases, immediately and unconditionally, all elected Palestinian Cabinet ministers and officials.

Note: *The Star* had wrongly reported that the memorandum was not accepted by the US embassy. An official of the embassy in fact accepted it. We apologise for the error.