



**PRIME MINISTER
MALAYSIA**

**MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY BY
THE HONOURABLE DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB TUN ABDUL RAZAK
PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
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On this auspicious day of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Malaysia remains steadfast and firm in its solidarity with the Palestinian people, in the desire for the establishment of an independent, democratic, contiguous and viable State of Palestine living side-by-side, in peace and security with Israel, based on pre-1967 borders.

Malaysia welcomes the intra-Palestinian agreement signed in Cairo on 12 October 2017, recognising the agreement as a positive step towards allowing the Palestinian Government to take ownership of its responsibilities in Gaza. We believe it is critical that the international community supports the timely and effective implementation of the Agreement in empowering the Palestinian Government in Gaza. We view this progress as an important step towards achieving a two-State solution.

The adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334, which Malaysia co-sponsored on 23 December 2016, marked an important and historic victory for the Palestinian people. Although Malaysia's term as a non-permanent member of the Security Council has ended on 31 December 2016, we will continue to play an active role as a United Nations member state in contributing towards seriously addressing the underlying issues and root causes of the Israeli occupation and for the attainment of a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

We must work towards disallowing any form of regression which puts the two-state solution at risk. It is the responsibility of the international community to see that justice is served, collective resolve is bolstered, as well as, that genuine and sincere steps are taken to break the vicious cycle of deadlock and realise the two-state solution, which must remain the ultimate goal.

Malaysia remains utterly dismayed and views with deep regret the blatant ignorance by Israel of the endless resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council and the General

Assembly. We urge for immediate implementation of these numerous resolutions, in effort to reverse negative trends that would delay progress on a peace process. We call for all relevant parties to be held accountable for gross violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

We strongly oppose the settlement policy and activities of the occupying power, Israel, which is carried out without impunity. Settlements are illegal under international law, an impediment to peace and complicate all endeavors towards achieving a two-state solution.

We urge for sustainable action and swift delivery on commitments to be made by all relevant parties towards a two-state solution that would allow Palestinians the fundamental right to self-determination and statehood. Malaysia is committed to work with like-minded countries, to support all efforts towards this end.

Malaysia would remain committed to support the works of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in providing assistance, protection and advocacy for some five million registered Palestine refugees. In this regard, we will continue to support any ideas and efforts that will contribute positively in alleviating the sufferings of the Palestinians.

We believe in the importance of observing the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. This observance will ensure that awareness on the longest occupation in modern history is heightened. The struggle of the Palestinian people must remain unforgotten.

We are convinced that the strength and determination of the Palestinian people in their endeavor for Statehood will not be futile. It is this enduring faith and aspiration that compels us to be resolute and stand in solidarity for a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine.



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