

MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY

BY THE HONOURABLE TAN SRI MUHYIDDIN MOHD YASSIN PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 1 DECEMBER 2020

On this occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I wish to reiterate Malaysia's unwavering support to the Palestinian cause and reaffirm our solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The United Nations was established 75 years ago on the principles of equality and self-determination of nations, respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and respect for international law for all, including for the Palestinian people. However, it is a tragedy that the Occupying Power continues to implement policies that deprive the Palestinian people of their most basic freedoms and violate numerous United Nations resolutions and international law. The illegal settlements, property confiscation and the killing of many innocent Palestinian civilians by this unsympathetic regime must be put to an end.

Malaysia will continue to reaffirm its support to the realisation of the State of Palestine based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital. We believe that the only viable way forward is a negotiated two-state solution. In this context, Malaysia supports the call by the international community, including by the UN Secretary-General, for the Middle East Quartet to find a mutually agreeable path for the parties to re-engage towards a negotiated and peaceful settlement. This is essential to ensure lasting peace in the region.

As a member of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices (SCIIP) and the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), Malaysia remains committed to support the Palestinian people in their quest for basic rights, particularly their inalienable rights to self-determination, as well as their right to sustainable development.

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