

## **MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY**

## BY THE HONOURABLE DATO' SRI ISMAIL SABRI YAAKOB PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 29 NOVEMBER 2021

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I wish to reiterate Malaysia's unwavering support and profound solidarity with the Palestinian people for their self–determination, freedom, and independence. It is outrageous that for more than seven decades, the Palestinian statehood, including its right to hold full membership status at the United Nations, is being continuously and blatantly denied by certain countries.

Malaysia condemns in the strongest terms the repeated violence and aggression against Palestinian civilians including women and children, perpetrated over the years. The continued systematic oppression of Palestinians over the decades through racist and discriminatory policies, denial of basic civil rights; imposition of harsh conditions; large scale land confiscation; and, inhumane acts committed against them are tantamount to the crimes of apartheid.

Malaysia reiterates the call for the international community to shoulder the responsibility to resolve the conflict and to ensure long-term peace, security and stability in the region. Malaysia has recently pledged a USD1 million long-term contribution in support of predictable and sustainable funding of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in addition to our bilateral assistance to alleviate the plight of the Palestinian people amid the Israeli incessant aggression coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic in Palestine.

We reaffirm our commitment to the realization of the State of Palestine based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, based on internationally agreed parameters, international law, and relevant UN resolutions. Additionally, Malaysia's continuous support for the Palestinian struggle is also in recognition of the aspirations of the new generation of Palestinian activists towards realizing the Palestinian peoples' aspiration for freedom and their independent State of Palestine. Malaysia has and will continue to lend our unwavering support and solidarity to the Palestinians. Let us join hands in resolving one of the great injustices of our time.

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