

# Malaysia to D-8 Member States: Cut Economic Ties With Israel



Joint declaration also urges all countries to ensure Israel's strict adherence to provisional measures ordered by International Court of Justice.

**KUALA LUMPUR (Dispatches) – Malaysian Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan has called on the D-8 group of developing nations to sever all economic ties with the Zionist regime.**

In an extraordinary meeting of D-8 foreign ministers in Istanbul, Turkey, on Sunday, Hasan also urged member states of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) not to render any assistance to the Israeli regime because that would help fund Israeli military and its il-

legal occupation of Palestinian lands.

The Malaysian foreign minister also reiterated his country's unwavering stance on the issue of Palestine, calling on the D-8 to collectively support the plea for a permanent and effective ceasefire in Gaza, increase humanitarian assistance, and ensure safe and unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid into the besieged coastal sliver.

He urged D-8 members to establish and formalize collaboration between the bloc

and the State of Palestine.

According to a Malaysian Foreign Ministry statement, Malaysia and D-8 member states showcased strong support for the Palestinian cause, as reflected in the communiqué of the extraordinary meeting of D-8 foreign ministers.

"Malaysia and D-8 member states expressed their strong condemnation of Israel's continued aggression in the Gaza Strip and the entire Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), and reaffirmed their solidarity with the Palestinian nation.

"The declaration demanded an immediate, permanent and unconditional ceasefire, and voiced support for all efforts aimed at empowering the Palestinian economy, as well as reconstruction of Gaza following the withdrawal of Israeli forces," the statement read.

Israel unleashed the Gaza onslaught on October 7 after Hamas-led Palestinian resistance groups carried out Operation al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

The Tel Aviv regime has so far killed at least 37,084 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured 84,494 others, according to the Gaza-based health ministry.

The occupying entity has also imposed a "complete siege" on the territory, cutting off fuel, electricity, food, and water to the more than two million Palestinians living there.

## Harvard Graduating Students Denied Degrees Over Palestine Protest

**WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – More than two weeks have passed since the graduates' commencement ceremony for 2024 at Harvard University, but Asmer Asrar Safi is still waiting to receive the degree for which he spent four years studying.**

"The situation remains as is, unfortunately," he tells Al Jazeera from Boston, United States.

Besides Safi, who is originally from Lahore, Pakistan, 12 other students find themselves in the same situation: they are all graduating students at one of the most prestigious educational institutions in the world but will not be awarded their degrees for at least one year.

Harvard Corporation, the university's top governing body,

barred these students from receiving their degrees during this year's graduation ceremony on May 23 on account of their involvement in the three-week pro-Palestine encampment at the university last month.

"I am waiting for my appeals decision to come out," 23-year-old Safi, an international student of social studies and ethnicity, migration and rights at Harvard College, says.

"I am a Rhodes Scholar and trying to ascertain if I can matriculate at the University of Oxford given that my Harvard degree has been withheld for a year, even though I have met all the academic conditions for my program and have completed my degree requirements."

Shraddha Joshi is another student who will not be able to receive her degree, despite having the backing of her faculty at Harvard College, where she was studying in the same program as Safi.

"After having completed the appeal application on my end, we seem to be in a limbo as we wait for communication from the university. Students and faculty members are all quite confused by the ambiguity of the process, and the timeline for appeals is unclear," she told Al Jazeera.

Born and raised in Texas, Joshi had been planning to pursue a master's degree in sociology in the United Kingdom, but says her future is now uncertain.

"I was supposed to go to the University of Cambridge with the

Harvard-UK Fellowship, but my plans are now in flux due to my degree status. The lack of transparency and poor communication from administrators make it difficult to predict what our next steps will look like," she says.

Like many other academic institutions in the U.S., Harvard University has found itself caught up in an increasingly angry debate about academic freedom and the right to protest over Israel's ongoing war in Gaza.

Having served as Harvard's president for just six months, Claudine Gay resigned from the position in January this year, following her appearance at a congressional testimony about "rising anti-Semitism" on the college campus in December 2023.

## Gaza Hospital Records 50 Malnourished Children in Just A Week

**GAZA (Dispatches) – A hospital in northern Gaza recorded 50 Palestinian children suffering from malnutrition in just one week, Anadolu Agency reports.**

Hossam Abu Safiya, director of the Kamal Adwan Hospital, reported the figure in a statement issued on Sunday.

"The health system in Gaza is a target of the (Israeli) occupation, but we are trying to resume medical services at a minimum despite fuel shortages," he said.

He noted that "the situation is catastrophic in the Strip," stressing that "the specter of famine looms

over the Gaza Strip."

Due to the ongoing war and Israeli-imposed restrictions, essential resources like food, water, medicine, and fuel are scarce.

Following the Israeli army's takeover of the Rafah land crossing with Egypt on May 7, despite international warnings, the humanitarian crisis within the Gaza Strip intensified.

Israel has continued its brutal onslaught on Gaza since last October despite a UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate cease-fire.

Meanwhile, with hundreds of pa-

tients awaiting help, the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital is struggling to provide medical attention to the victims of a deadly Israeli attack in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip.

At least 274 people were killed and nearly 700 others injured in Israeli bombardment of the camp on Saturday, according to local health authorities.

Hundreds of victims are left lying on the floor of the hospital with medics running to provide medical attention amid very limited medical resources.

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital

is currently the only functioning medical facility in the central Gaza Strip.

"The large number of injured people arriving at the hospital exceeds its capacity," Ismail Al-Thawabta, director of Gaza's Government Media Office, told Anadolu on Sunday.

"We urgently appeal to the international community, the UN and international organizations to intervene and support the hospital by providing medical supplies and electrical generators to ensure uninterrupted service delivery," he said.

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which are being perpetrated under the support of Western states, especially the United States.

"We are aware of our responsibility as a member of the international community, the United Nations and the Islamic world, and we have used and will use every opportunity and way to help Gaza."

On Saturday, Bagheri Kani attended an extraordinary meeting of foreign ministers of the Developing Eight (D-8) Organization for Economic Cooperation on Israel's aggression against Gaza in Istanbul.

In his opinion piece, the Iranian interim foreign minister underlined the need for the D-8 member states to take practical steps aimed at alleviating the suffering of the defenseless people of Gaza, and explore ways to stop Israeli attacks and rebuild Gaza.

He further noted that the root cause of the ongoing crisis is the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands by the Zionist regime, and that there would be no sustainable peace without upholding the Palestinians' rights.

In an interview at the end of the D-8 meeting, Bagheri Kani said that all the participants believe that a more serious approach must be adopted against the Zionists and that their crimes "should not be tolerated anymore."

During the summit, he added, Iran called for the cutting of political and economic relations with the Zionist regime and the boycotting of Israeli goods, as well as providing political and legal support for Palestine and its resistance in national and international conventions.

## Flight...

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Soyuz rocket from Russia's Vostochny Cosmodrome spaceport.

It came one month after the country simultaneously put into orbit the Mahda research satellite, as well as the Keyhan-2 and Hatef-1 nanosatellites, using the Simorgh (Phoenix) carrier.

Despite sanctions imposed by Western states in recent years, Iran has taken giant strides in the civilian space program.

Iran is among the world's top 10 countries capable of developing and launching satellites.

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office, the Mossad agent was in close contact with high-profile Israeli intelligence officers through social media, and was gathering critical information for them under the guise of a news editor.

He had traveled to several provinces in the hope of taking refuge there and finally leaving the country, before he was identified and captured during a surprise operation in Ardabil Province.

Mossad reportedly decided to immediately close his user accounts and delete related information once the news about his arrest emerged.

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rheumatism, intestinal cancer and nervous complications and has a history of hospitalization for panic attacks.

The MKO is an anti-Iran terrorist group supported by the West and has the blood of over 17,000 Iranian civilians on their hands.

During the imposed war of 1980s against Iran, they sided with the regime of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

## Resistance...

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a new type of weapon, an armed attack drone equipped with two S-5 rockets, on a military position in the northern town of Metula, marking its first-ever airstrike on Israel.

"In the past, any weapon could have been countered, but today Hezbollah stands with advanced technology like drones and guided missiles that are immune to Israeli tech," Asaad said.

The analyst believes this has pushed the Zionist regime to ramp up the rhetoric of war against Lebanon in recent days.

"Israel suddenly finds itself in an open conflict that cannot be contained by an air force or intensive air raids," he said.

"The entire northern front poses a critical threat to all bases adjacent to the frontier and suppression is no longer possible."

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in Gaza, according to the Health Ministry. It said 64 children and 57 women were killed in the latest raid, and 153 children and 161 women were among the nearly 700 wounded.

In Gaza, medics described scenes of chaos after the raid. Overwhelmed hospitals were already struggling to treat the wounded from days of heavy Israeli strikes in the area.

"We had the gamut of war wounds, trauma wounds, from amputations to eviscerations to trauma, to TBIs (traumatic brain injuries), fractures and, obviously, big burns," said Karin Huster of Doctors Without Borders, an international charity working in Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital.

"Kids completely gray or white from the shock, burnt, screaming for their parents. Many of them are not screaming because they are in shock."

## Israel Extends Al Jazeera Ban by 45 Days

**AL-QUDS (Dispatches) – A ban on Al Jazeera's operations in the Israeli-occupied territories was extended for another 45 days by the Zionist regime's telecom regulator on Sunday after the cabinet claimed its broadcasts posed a threat to security.**

A Tel Aviv court last week upheld an initial 35-day ban on Al Jazeera operations in Israel, imposed by the regime on secu-

rity grounds, which ended on Saturday.

In a separate ruling on a petition by Al Jazeera against the closure, the regime's supreme court described the measure against the Qatari-backed broadcaster channel as "precedent-setting".

It gave Israel's regime until Aug. 8 to offer arguments for "why it should not be determined that the Law Preventing a For-

eign Broadcaster from Harming National Security" is void.

Al Jazeera had told the court it did not incite violence or terrorism and that the ban was disproportionate, court documents showed. The channel, which has criticized Israel's military operations in Gaza, said it planned to appeal the latest ban extension.