

Malaysian prime minister says the West must stop hypocrisy and end Israel atrocities in Gaza

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German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (R) and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim address a press

Berlin, March 13 (RHC)-- Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim says he told German Chancellor Olaf Scholz that the West needs to end "hypocrisy" and take steps against Israel's atrocities in the Gaza Strip.

Speaking to Turkish news agency, Anadolu, Ibrahim said he "made it very clear" to the German leader that the Western leaders must "stop the hypocrisy," and take steps to stop Israel's "ethnic cleansing" of Palestinians in Gaza. "Because the problems are not the 7th of October," the Malaysian leader said, referring to the day Hamas launched its Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the Israeli regime.

After the operation, Tel Aviv ordered Israeli military forces to attack the besieged Gaza Strip with a force "like never before." "The problem is the whole treatment, and colonialism, and apartheid, and ethnic cleansing in Gaza, that must stop now," the Malaysian leader told the German chancellor.

"And the international community has to take up measures now to solve the problem. They cannot fail in their moral duty." The Malaysian leader has been one of the most outspoken leaders to criticize the West for their military support for the Israeli regime.

Germany and the United States have increased arms shipments to Israel, since the regime started its war on the Gaza Strip more than five months ago.

Other military exporters include France, the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia.

The Malaysian prime minister also condemned the Western governments' silence about Israel's crimes against the people of Gaza, saying that they were "selective" and "inconsistent" with regard to the application of international law.

The United Nations has said there is evidence that international humanitarian law may have been breached by Israeli regime in Gaza.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) recently heard a case brought by South Africa against the Israeli regime for committing genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza. The World Court, seated in The Hague, Netherlands, ruled in late January that "there is a plausible risk of genocide in Gaza and the continuing serious harm to civilians since then."

Israeli forces have killed more than 31,250 Palestinians, most of them women and children, since October, the Gaza health ministry says.

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