

International Conference on Palestinian Detainees, Gaza

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Gaza Strip – Events of "International conference of Palestine prisoners" started on Saturday morning in Gaza city with huge participation of mass and international delegations in order to shed light on the suffering of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli occupation jails.

Palestinian figures who have participated in the International conference of Palestine prisoners were the Palestinian Prime Minister Dr. Ismail Haniyeh, ministers of the Palestinian government in Gaza and number of Palestinian ex-prisoners, in addition to number of international figures who came from 40 countries around the world including Lifeline 5 convoy, delegations of European parliament and of Arab Parliament, and Turkish and Malaysian delegations and number of intellectuals and scholars in addition to families of prisoners.

Minister of prisoners affairs, Mohammed Faraj al-Ghoul said in his speech for the conference that "this conference is held to turn attention of the Islamic and Arab world and international towards vital issue of Palestinian prisoners".

The Malaysian delegation was headed by Tan Sri Norian Mai, the former Inspector-General of Police (The Head of the Malaysian National Police Force). In his speech, Matthias Chang, political adviser to former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, asserted that he came to Gaza, carrying endorse and support of the Malaysian people.

He said during his speech: "We feel the pain towards the situation in Gaza, and when we return to Malaysia, we will convey what we saw here."

He added: "Israel should know that Malaysia stands with the Palestinian people."

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