

Malaysia will ensure safety of Malaysians in Kiev, says Ismail Sabri

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A view shows the Ukrainian State Border Guard Service site damaged by shelling in Kyiv region, Ukraine. - REUTERS PIC

KUALA LUMPUR: The government has expressed its sadness over the recent developments in Ukraine, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

In a statement posted on his Twitter account, Ismail Sabri said the government's priority was to ensure that Malaysians in Ukraine were safe.

He said the Malaysian Embassy in Kiev was securing a safe place for Malaysians before they are able to return to the country.

"I was informed that there are 23 Malaysian citizens registered with the Malaysian Embassy in Kiev, and 12 have already returned home with the remaining 11 still there.

"Malaysia hopes that the best possible peaceful solution between Ukraine and Russia can be reached soon, and subsequently resolve the conflict," he said.

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba today said Russia had launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, targeting cities with weapon strikes.

Ukraine reported that columns of troops are pouring across its borders into the eastern Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Luhansk regions, also landing by sea at the port cities of Odessa and Mariupol in the south.

It also reported that staff and passengers are evacuating Kiev's Boryspil airport.

Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskiy has declared martial law and urged citizens not to panic.