

PM: Ukraine-Russia conflict must be resolved amicably

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the conflict must be resolved as soon as possible. - NSTP/MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has once again stressed that the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia must be resolved amicably.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said he had made the call during his recent official visits to Cambodia and Thailand, for both countries to come up with the best possible peaceful settlement.

He had also said the conflict must be resolved as soon as possible.

"My stance on this issue stays. Our country's representative in the United Nations General Assembly's emergency session will be involved in a debate to isolate Russia over the invasion in Ukraine either tomorrow or the day after.

"We will wait for the representative to debate and we will issue a statement after," said Ismail Sabri when asked on Malaysia's view on the matter at a press conference at Kuala Lumpur International Airport today.

He had earlier met seven Malaysians who had left Ukraine at the height of the conflict by travelling by land to Poland on Saturday.

They arrived at KLIA at 2.05pm today via Qatar Airways QR 848.

Meanwhile Ismail Sabri said the Foreign Affairs Ministry and the Attorney-General's Chambers will issue a joint statement on a French arbitration court decision to instruct the Malaysian government to pay US\$14.92 bil (RM62.6 bil) to the descendants of the last Sulu sultan.

It was reported that the decision was based on an alleged violation of payments of RM5,300 cession money under the 1878 agreement signed by Sultan Jamal Al Alam, Baron de Overbeck and the British North Borneo Company's Alfred Dent.

The court had ruled that Malaysia had violated the agreement after it stopped paying Sultan Sulu's heirs the annual RM5,300 cession money since 2013 following the Lahad Datu armed intrusion.