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The collected donations aim to ease the suffering of Palestinians

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MEDIA Prima Bhd yesterday handed over RM3 million in donations to the Humanitarian Trust Fund for the People of Palestine, managed by the Foreign Ministry.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan received a mock cheque from Media Prima group managing director Datuk Mohd Rafiq Razali in a ceremony at Wisma Putra.

Present were Media Prima group chief financial officer Rosli Sabarudin and group general manager of the Corporate Communications and Chairman's Office, Azlan Abdul Aziz.

Several government-linked companies and government-linked investment companies also made donations.

They included Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Berjaya Corporation Bhd and Telekom Malaysia Bhd.

Rafiq said the RM3 million was raised through the Media Prima Palestinian Humanitarian Fund, which aims to ease the burden and suffering of the Pales-



Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan receiving a mock cheque for RM3 million from Media Prima Bhd group managing director Datuk Mohd Rafiq Razali (left) in a ceremony at Wisma Putra yesterday. NSTP PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

tinian people.

"The plight of the people of Palestine has always been close to our hearts. The Media Prima Palestinian Humanitarian Fund started more than 10 years ago, and we have disbursed over RM20 million during this time to support Palestinians.

"And I think for us, we're just facilitators. The real heroes here are the people of Malaysia who have genuinely contributed to the fund," Rafiq told the *New Straits Times*.

Mohamad thanked all contributors, particularly Media Prima, for supporting the fund set up by the Foreign Ministry.

"I would like to assure everyone that this trust fund is well managed, with a committee chaired by the ministry's chief secretary. We conduct audits and submit

regular reports to the cabinet on the fund's performance.

"We provide assistance from this fund to many organisations, including the United Nations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Gaza, Jordan, Egypt, as well as within Malaysia," he said.

Since Oct 7, 2023, the Media Prima Palestinian Humanitarian Fund has contributed more than RM9.05 million in aid to victims of the conflict in Palestine, including food packs, medical supplies, fuel for hospitals and temporary shelters.

Through the fund, Media Prima remains committed to providing humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people in collaboration with experienced agencies and NGOs operating in the region.