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To All Members and Pupils in Chambers

Public Forum: "Not Just Another War: Myth and Reality in Occupied Palestine"

The ferocious Israeli assault on the Gaza has led to the loss of hundreds of lives and a huge humanitarian crisis. It has brought once again to the limelight the unresolved conflict in the occupied territories.

In order to understand any issue, a knowledge of its origin and background is vital. While the Palestinian conflict has been given much coverage, not enough has been said about the real underlying issues: What is the nature of the conflict? Who are the interested parties in the Palestinian question? What are the pitfalls of the countless solutions coming out from Arab and Western capitals? Why has the continued killings of Palestinians generated so much passion among the Arab masses but only statements of regret from their governments?

The Public Forum "Not Just Another War: Myth and Reality in Occupied Palestine" organised jointly by the Bar Council, the Malaysian Social Research Institute and the Cakap-Rakyat Group will take place as follows:

Date : 9 January 2009 (Friday)

Time : 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

Venue : Bar Council Auditorium

Speakers: Dr. Rosli Omar

Hishamuddin Rais

Dr. Farish Noor

Professor Gurdial Singh Nijar

Attend this Public Forum to gain a better understanding on an issue which has to be resolved if there is to be lasting peace in the Middle East.

In order to register or make enquiries please contact Ms. Mazni at 20313003 X 101 or mazni@malaysianbar.org.my

This Forum will be followed by a 15-minute candlelight vigil at the front of the Bar Council building.

Thank you.

Dated this 6 January 2009

Amer Hamzah
Deputy Chairperson
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