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Anwar: Hun Sen has given his word

CAMBODIAN Second Prime Minister Hun Sen has given his assurance investments by Malaysian companies to redevelop Cambodia are safe despite the recent political upheaval.

"They (the Cambodian leadership) have been very forthcoming and have given categorical assurances that they will continue to support and honour their commitment," acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday.

"We have received clear commitment and support from the leaders in Cambodia who are trying to resolve their differences. Therefore, I do not see any immediate or long-term difficulty for our investors in Cambodia."

Hun Sen's assurance was contained in a recent letter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Anwar said.

"We welcome his assurance because it would augur well, not only for the interests of Malaysian companies in Cambodia, but as a good omen for Cambodia economically."

Anwar said the assurance should dispel any anxiety that Ariston Sdn Bhd, a local company controlled by FACB Bhd's majority shareholder and president and chief executive officer Tan Sri Dr Chen Lip Keong, might have over its future investments in Cambodia.

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