

Nik Aziz wants Anwar's explanation over Israel
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PAS spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has called on opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim to explain his support of a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine.

Anwar's explanation, he said, was necessary because many slanders had been flung around, according to an Utusan Malaysia report today.

"All this while, too many slanders had been aimed at Anwar. Therefore it would be best for him to explain," he was quoted as saying.

NONENik Aziz (right) was responding to Anwar's interview in the Wall Street Journal on Jan 26 where he expressed support for Israel's security on condition it respects Palestinian aspirations.

Meanwhile, in a separate report today, Selangor PAS deputy commissioner Khalid Samad said Anwar's statement may be his personal view.

"Policy-wise, PAS does not recognise the state of Israel which was founded illegally through violence by grabbing Palestinian lands and rights," he was quoted as saying.

He added that the three parties in Pakatan Rakyat may have differing foreign policy views.

In another report by the daily, Palestine ambassador to Malaysia Abdelaziz Abughoush said his government was surprised over Anwar's statement.

"Israel has over 200 nuclear warheads and an army equipped with state-of-the-art weapons.

"Which side should get security protection, the invaders or the Palestinians who are oppressed on a daily basis and subjected to inhumane restrictions?" he was quoted as saying.

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