

Nazri says Anwar is 'like Iblis'
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Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nazri Abdul Aziz today called opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim 'Iblis' for his attempt to drag former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad into the Israel security controversy.

'Iblis' is the name of the devil in the holy Quran.

"He is in deep trouble. He is like Iblis, when he falls, he wants to drag everyone with him.

"That's how he is behaving now. He's now saying 'not only me but Mahathir (also supports Israel)'," Nazri said when asked about the Foreign Ministry's action to publish three letters Mahathir wrote to the Israeli government during his premiership.

"Anwar is scared now because he is the only person to say that the security of Israel is important," he said.

The de facto law minister, who once was very critical of Mahathir whom he had served as a minister, however defended his former boss on this issue.

"He has never been pro-Israel. He has always been consistent, that I know for a fact," Nazri added.

Anwar was under fire follow his interview in the Wall Street Journal which reported him as saying that he supported efforts to protect Israel's security but any relations with the Jewish state depends on its willingness to respect Palestinian aspirations.

He then accused Mahathir of being hypocritical because the latter had met with Israeli government leaders as Malaysian prime minister.

This had prompted the Foreign Ministry to publish three letters written by Mahathir to the Israeli government during his premiership, stating Malaysia's stance of not recognising the state.

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