

## **M'sia open for business but will speak out against cruelty – Anwar**

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Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim today stressed that Malaysia will be steadfast in voicing out against cruelty inflicted on innocent lives while maintaining robust ties globally.

Speaking at the launch of the GXBank headquarters in Petaling Jaya, the premier emphasised that the country adopts an open stance and is willing to befriend and trade with everyone, as long as it remains a sovereign nation.

“We are taking a higher step with an open policy, allowing us to trade with all countries while maintaining peace and economic stability. We are committed to maintaining friendly and open relationships with all nations.

“Anything that can drive growth dynamically, and any government that can enable us to engage with all countries and defend our national peace and economic interests, we will remain open,” Anwar said.

Despite this, the prime minister gave his assurance that the government’s stand

against oppression remains clear.

According to him, Malaysia is committed to upholding freedom, rejecting oppression, and refusing to align itself with any country or group that persecutes, insults, and kills innocent people.

“This is why, on the issue of Gaza, we have spoken out loudly on humanitarian principles.

“There is no point in talking about independence and humanity when you are blinded by the gross atrocities inflicted on innocent people, women, and children, regardless of whether the victims are Muslims, Christians, Hindus or Buddhists.

“This is the position that Malaysia takes, and we will adhere to it strongly without compromise,” he said.

Anwar had been vocal about the genocide in Palestine. He recently described the killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Iran as a “heinous murder”.

He also condemned Meta for taking down three of his Instagram posts expressing condolences toward Ismail and called out the company for being “disrespectful”.

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