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Nik Aziz accepted my explanation, says Anwar

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KUALA LUMPUR: PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said all is well after his meeting with PAS spiritual leader Datuk Seri Nik Aziz Nik Mat over the controversial *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) report last month.

Anwar said Nik Aziz has accepted and understood his statements on the security of Israel made during the interview.

"Tok Guru (Nik Aziz) understands my stand. I understood PAS's stand over the matter too," he said after the meeting.

Last month, *The journal* had quoted Anwar as saying he supported "all efforts to protect the security of the state of Israel".

Nik Aziz and the PAS Syura Council on Feb 16 wanted Anwar to either openly retract his statement or sue *WSJ* over the remark. However, Anwar claimed the Umno-controlled media did not highlight the full statement from the report.

He also said he would not take legal action against the *WSJ* for the report as they had not misquoted him. "Why should I sue them (*WSJ*)? They included the word 'contingent', unlike *Berita Harian*, *Utusan Malaysia* and *TV3*," he said.

"My statement clearly makes the aspirations of Palestinians who want justice, peace and respect for their dignity a condition for Israel's demands that its safety is guaranteed."