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Dr M not surprised with Anwar's support for Israeli actions

PUTRAJAYA: The statement by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim of expressing full support for actions taken in protecting Israel's security, made during an interview with *The Wall Street Journal* recently, was no surprise at all to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

Mahathir said this was because the opposition leader had a close relationship with Jewish leaders.

He said Anwar's motive was to promote himself as a modern and liberal leader in order to win praise from the western countries.

"I'm not surprised as I know he (Anwar) is close to them (Israel). He is also very friendly with many members of the US Congress and Senate who are of Jewish origin. He is sympathetic towards the Jewish state's struggle.

"Definitely he is close to Israel because he likes to be praised by the West for this. He wants to be seen as a modern leader who follows the trend, but actually he is way behind time," he said after delivering a Razak Series lecture titled, 'A Malaysian Approach to Public Leadership', at the Putrajaya

International Convention Centre yesterday.

Asked on Anwar's leadership, he said that without any direction and development agenda for the country and people, the former deputy prime minister had a big dream of capturing Putrajaya and becoming prime minister.

He said only leaders who really understood the people's needs and had no self-importance could take the country to a higher level of development but Anwar clearly did not have such qualities. - Bernama