

HIGH PROFESSIONALISM

PM proud of Malaysian rescuers' efficiency

GAZIANTEP (Turkiye): Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday shared his pride in the efficiency and high degree of professionalism displayed by the Malaysian search and rescue (SAR) team in helping earthquake victims in Nurdagi here.

He said the team, comprising of members of the Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (Smart), Fire and Rescue Department, Civil Defence Force and Armed Forces Royal Medical Corps, had shown "extraordinary capability" with efforts that the nation could be proud of.

"I'm proud of our team who have shown the extraordinary capability, making extraordinary sacrifices.

"The (Nurdagi) governor and governor's representatives here said our team had shown an extraordinary level of dedication.

"On behalf of all Malaysians, I would like to convey our appreciation and we pray to Allah to ease the burden of the people



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim visiting the quake-hit area at Gaziantep in Turkiye yesterday, PIX COURTESY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

here, and that we (Malaysia) will do our level best to help."

Anwar said this after visiting the Malaysian SAR team camp at Nurdagi Stadium here yesterday.

He said Malaysia had raised RM30 million in relief funds for Turkiye and that he would meet President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to present the funds and convey Malaysia's condolences and sympathies to the quake victims.

Earlier, Anwar spent about 40 minutes visiting the camp.

He arrived here at 9am (2pm Malaysia), accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah, Sarawak Affairs and Special Functions) Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, and was welcomed by

Malaysian SAR contingent deputy commander Safrizan Suhaini and MAS-10 team leader Abdul Manaf Che Isa.

The prime minister was given a briefing on the team's operations by Safizan before being led to meet Frankie and Denti, the two tracker dogs flown from Malaysia to aid in the SAR effort.

Anwar also brought cheer to the camp when he agreed to join the team on the field and pose for group pictures with the rescuers.

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Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim inspecting the damage caused by the earthquake in Turkiye while visiting the Malaysian Rescue Operation Centre in Nurdagi yesterday.



Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting members of the Malaysian search and rescue team in Gaziantep.