

EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT IN RIYADH

PM TO ATTEND OIC SUMMIT ON GAZA WAR

Islamic leaders to discuss attacks by
Israeli forces that have killed thousands

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will depart for Riyadh today to attend an extraordinary summit of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) before proceeding to the United States for an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) meeting.

The extraordinary summit was called for Islamic leaders to discuss the month-long attacks by

Israeli forces on the Gaza Strip, which have killed more than 11,000 Palestinians, many of whom were women and children.

Anwar, who will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir, was scheduled to leave for Saudi Arabia about 7am.

Among other leaders who have confirmed their attendance for the extraordinary summit chaired by Saudi Arabia was Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

Anwar, on Thursday, confirmed that he was contacted by



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim performing sunnah prayers at Musolla Asy Syafi in Serdang yesterday.
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the OIC about the extraordinary Islamic summit to discuss the escalating attacks on Gaza.

"We will hold the meeting at the end of this week in Riyadh. I have proposed for the involvement of other countries, such as Brazil, Bolivia, Ireland, China and Russia, which are aligned with us on the issue of Gaza, but we could not reach a consensus," Anwar was quoted as saying.

Following the extraordinary summit, Anwar and the Malaysian delegation will proceed to San Francisco for the Apec Economic Leaders' Week.

Anwar reportedly said he would raise the relentless Israeli attacks

on Palestinians in Gaza on the world stage when leaders from the 21-member Apec forum, including the two largest economies — the US and China — convene between Nov 11 and 17.

Sources had told the *New Straits Times* that Anwar was expected to meet US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the meeting, where Anwar was expected to raise the issue of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Earlier, Anwar joined a congregation of 500 people to perform Friday prayers at Musolla Asy Syafi at Sultan Idris Shah Hospital's staff quarters in Serdang near here.

Led by Cyberjaya's Masjid Raja Haji Fi Sabilillah imam Muhammad Ali Mohd Yunus, yesterday marked the first time Friday prayers were performed at the musolla.

Present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar and state Health Department director Datuk Dr Sha'ari Ngadiman.

The prime minister and the congregation also recited the *Qunut Nazilah* to pray for Palestinians.

Anwar later spent almost 30 minutes having lunch with the people at the compound.