

# Srettha thanks Malaysia for helping in release of hostages

**BUKIT KAYU HITAM:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said his Thai counterpart, Srettha Thavisin, thanked Malaysia for its assistance in the safe release of Thai nationals held captive by Hamas.

Anwar said Srettha expressed

his gratitude during their bilateral meeting yesterday at the Sadao Customs, Immigration, and Quarantine Complex in southern Thailand.

“Prime Minister Srettha has expressed his appreciation to Malaysia for our help to secure

the release of hostages held by Hamas during the outbreak of the Palestine-Israel conflict.

“I told him we tried our best to help, but it was the wisdom of Hamas, with the help of Egypt, for opening their border that secured the safe release of the Thai

nationals,” Anwar said at the Bukit Kayu Hitam Customs, Immigration, Quarantine and Security Complex.

Yesterday, Thai media reported that three more hostages from the country had been released by Hamas, bringing the

total number to 17 since the hostage exchanges between Hamas and Israel began on Friday.

Earlier, Anwar had a one-day working visit to Thailand to discuss bilateral ties with Srettha.