

PM UNFAZED BY THREATS FROM EU MPs

Anwar will explain the threats he received over Malaysia's stance on Palestine

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has disclosed that he has received threats from European parliamentarians over Malaysia's position on the Palestine-Israel conflict, but he is undeterred.

He said he would explain the threats from European politicians later.

He did not disclose their identities or which European Union nations were involved.

He kept mum on the nature of the threats he received, whether they were security or economic pressure.

"They are from European parliamentarians. We will explain the statements they made. There was also a proposal from a European parliamentarian.

"It is not an issue. We should not be bothered. We have work, so we carry on."

He said he was not worried for his safety and expressed confidence in the police's handling of domestic security threats.

"The inspector-general of police is here. He will take care of it, so I am not worried.

"*Insyallah*, we will continue to work. We have to voice the views of Malaysia."

He said this after launching the



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (centre) at the launch of the National Language Decade Carnival and National Reading Decade at Multimedia University in Cyberjaya yesterday. With him are (from left) Education director-general Datuk Pkharuddin Ghazali, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka board of directors chairman Datuk Dr Anwar Ridhwan, Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek and Public Service Department director-general Datuk Dr Zulkapli Mohamed. pic by mohd fadli hamzah

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At the "Malaysia Stands With Palestine Rally" at the Axiata Arena in Bukit Jalil on Tuesday, attended by some 20,000 people,

Anwar said despite criticism from pro-Israel countries, especially the United States, Malaysia would not retract its support for Gaza and the Palestinians.

"I am being criticised now, start-

ing to be attacked by some circles in Europe, the United States and, of course, Israel.

"I said, as long as I am given a mandate by the people, I do not accept threats. We will still fight."

Separately, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain told Bernama that the prime minister's security detail would be boosted following the revelation about the threats.