

Anwar in Istanbul to meet Erdogan

ISTANBUL: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arrived here for a two-day working visit to Turkiye, during which he is scheduled to hold a meeting with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The special aircraft carrying Anwar landed at the Istanbul Grand Airport at 10.45pm local time.

He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir and Deputy Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Khairul Firdaus Akbar Khan.

He was received by Malaysian Ambassador to Turkiye Sazali Mustafa Kamal, Malaysian Embassy in Ankara minister counsellors Clara Soon May Lynn and Ahmad Hashim Mahmood and Malaysian Defence Attache Kol Mohd Edafi Daud.

Receiving officials from the Turkish side were Istanbul's Deputy Governor Sevket Atli, Commander of the Gendarmerie General Command Col Mesut Maden and Foreign Affairs Ministry Head of Department for Istanbul Office Mehmet Zait Uzun.

One of the topics to be discussed by the two leaders is the growing concern about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The recent clashes in Palestine involving Hamas, the ruling authority in Gaza, and the Israeli regime have resulted in the loss of thousands of lives on both sides



Anwar arriving in Istanbul yesterday. -

since Oct 7.

After his meeting with Erdogan, Anwar is scheduled to proceed to Cairo, Egypt to meet Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and discuss the opening of the Rafah crossing to allow the channelling of food, water and medicines to Palestine.



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The Rafah crossing is located between Egypt and the Gaza Strip, Bernama reported.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement working visits to Turkiye and Egypt reflects Malaysia's undivided commitment towards the Palestinian issue, especially in reducing the suffering faced by

Palestinians as a result of the ongoing crisis in Gaza.

Earlier, Anwar concluded his two-day working visit to Riyadh, where he attended the Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council Summit, which was held for the first time since the two regional blocs established relations in 1990.