

COUNTERING EXTREMIST VIEWS

'RENEWED COMMITMENT TO COMBAT ISLAMOPHOBIA'

Malaysia and Turkiye plan joint initiatives to tackle scourge on global scale

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Malaysia and Turkiye have solidified their commitment to combat the scourge of Islamophobia through a series of joint initiatives.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have pledged to strengthen the countries' collaborative efforts and strategies aimed at curbing anti-Islamic sentiments propagated by specific groups on a global scale.

Under this agreement, Turkiye will deploy its strategies primarily in Europe and the Middle East, while Malaysia will focus on the Asian region.

The decision was reached during bilateral discussions held on the sidelines of the 78th United Nations General Assembly, where both leaders were in attendance.

Anwar stressed the need to confront extreme viewpoints and prejudices against Islam worldwide.

"We engaged in fruitful discussions today.

"Several conference series have been previously organised and will continue," he said during a joint press briefing held at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations office here, attended by Malaysian journalists on

Wednesday.

The meeting between Anwar and Erdogan took place at the Turkish House, which houses Turkiye's Permanent Mission.

Anwar said these discussions would be further elaborated upon during Erdogan's upcoming visit to Malaysia in late December, coinciding with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah's official schedule.

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The prime minister said conferences and publications aimed at countering prejudices and extremist views against Islam have been instrumental in reaching out to a global audience.

"For instance, we have distributed over 100,000 copies

of the Quran translated into various languages.

"About 15,000 copies in the Swedish language have been dispatched to Sweden.

"The copies of the Quran have been distributed to learning centres, universities, and mosques, including those in Australia, the United States, and other countries," Anwar said.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at Turkish House in New York on Wednesday.