

MONITORING DISASTER

PM expresses sympathy over Japan quake

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed his sympathy over the earthquake that hit Japan on Monday.

“Azizah and I extend our sympathies over the 7.6-magnitude earthquake that hit Ishikawa province in central Japan on Monday,” he said, referring to his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

“The Malaysian government, through the Foreign Ministry and the Malaysian embassy in Japan, is monitoring closely the latest development on the disaster,” he said in a post on Facebook.

He hoped those affected, including Malaysians, would be given strength and patience during this challenging time.

The 7.6-magnitude earthquake that hit central Japan triggered a tsunami warning and advisories for residents to evacuate and prepare for possible aftershocks.

A tsunami of about 1m high struck parts of the west coast of Japan, public broadcaster NHK reported on Monday.

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued tsunami warnings for the coastal prefectures of Ishikawa, Niigata and Toyama.

Wisma Putra said no Malaysians were hurt in the quake.