

# No compromise on defending nation's sovereignty: PM

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday stressed that the unity government will not compromise on defending the country's sovereignty and will never tolerate any demands, including over Sabah.

"(About) the Philippines claim over Sabah, the Malaysian government has made a firm statement that we will not compromise even an inch of our land and that we will never get involved in any negotiations involving the rights and sovereignty of our country."

Anwar said the diplomatic relationship between Malaysia and the Philippines is still good, and he personally maintains a very good and close relationship with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

"Therefore, this channel (relationship) should be used to maintain security.

"Our security forces should understand that history has proven that (intrusion and) attacks like the one that occurred in Sabah a few years ago happened in unexpected circumstances," he said at the launch of National Security Month on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Malaysia will continue its efforts to defend the sovereignty of Sabah as an integral part of the country and ensure that its sovereignty, territorial integrity and national interests are protected at all times.

It reiterated the government's long-standing position that Sabah has always been an integral part of Malaysia.

"Malaysia has never and will not recognise any claims on Sabah." - Bernama