

Anwar urges US to push for Gaza ceasefire

KUALA LUMPUR: The United States must be consistent with its latest approach to the conflict in the Gaza Strip and immediately end the violence in Palestine, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said although Malaysia has consistently voiced concerns over the reluctance of the United States and the West to put pressure on Israel, the latest development is a positive one given the constraints of the US political system in an election year.

“We welcome these early signs of change in the United States’ approach to the conflict. We hope that the United States will keep re-evaluating its approach and hastening an end to the killings and carnage,” Anwar said when delivering the keynote speech at the 37th Asia-Pacific Roundtable here yesterday.

US President Joe Biden reportedly presented Israel and Hamas with a three-phase ceasefire proposal to end the war in Gaza.

The offer calls for a ceasefire, the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, and the reconstruction of Gaza. Anwar said Malaysia will use its ability to continue to speak out and support the Palestinian people’s struggle.

“Malaysia is no major power, but make no mistake, we will use our freedom to support the Palestinians’ fight for theirs,” he said.