



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim greeting guests at a get-together with the Malaysian diaspora in Berlin yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

GERMANY visit

PM: CRUCIAL TO HAVE CLARITY IN POLICIES

Renewed investor confidence due to political stability, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said renewed investor confidence in Malaysia can be attributed to its political stability.

He said the exchanges he had with captains of industry in Germany, which had so far generated potential investment interest beyond RM44 billion, were fruitful.

"We have had impressive support, from the political leaders such as the German Chancellor (Olaf Scholz), and the exchanges have been frank, fruitful and wide ranging.

"Support from the captains of industry have been really good. We have recorded potential investment interest exceeding RM44 billion and these exchanges have been useful for us," he said during a get-together with the Malaysian diaspora in Germany.

Political stability, he said, was important.

"People must be confident that we are staying for years to come. It's also important that we have clarity in our policies," he said.

Anwar said Malaysia had "lost some time" due to the political



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instability but has since regained its footing to improve the economy.

"We've lost some time, but have regained our footing. Only this way can we raise the country's dignity and improve the livelihood of all Malaysians," Anwar told a crowd of more than 300 people.

He was accompanied by Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Datuk Ewon Benedick.

Also present was Malaysian ambassador to Germany Datin Paduka Dr Adina Kamarudin.

Anwar had earlier held a roundtable meeting with German captains of industry.

He also held private meetings with senior management of selected companies as part of his six-day visit to Germany.

Anwar spent the second day of Ramadan by engaging with the Muslim community in Germany.

After the breaking-of-fast

event, he made his way to Berlin's Sehitlik Mosque, where he performed his isyak and tarawih prayers.

He was greeted upon arrival by Turkish ambassador to Germany Ahmet Basar sen.

The Sehitlik Mosque, which was completed in 2005, was designed in an Ottoman revival style based on 16th and 17th century architecture and can house 1,500 worshippers. It also has a cultural centre, and an information and meeting centre.

Named after a Turkish diplomatic cemetery laid out in 1866, the mosque was the target of four arson attacks in 2010, with the perpetrator arrested the following year and sentenced to almost three years in prison.

During his visit, Anwar also exchanged views with the local Muslim community on issues pertaining to Muslim development in Germany.

He also discussed with them the Palestinian issue and the suffering of the people in Gaza.

There are more than five million Muslims in Germany, making up around 6.7 per cent of the population.

In conjunction with the holy month of Ramadan, the prime minister extended some contributions to the Muslim community and donated 12 copies of the Quran to the mosque, including a special edition.

Another was a German translation while the other 10 were English translations.