

PM EXTENDS SYMPATHIES

Malaysia ready to work with all nations, including Russia, to fight terrorism

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MALAYSIA yesterday condemned the attack on Crocus City Hall near Moscow, Russia, which killed at least 93 people and left more than 145 injured.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim described the attack as a “gruesome and barbaric rampage” that had no place in the civilised world.

In a statement shared on his social media accounts yesterday, Anwar expressed the country’s readiness to work with all partners, including Russia, in the fight against terrorism.

Anwar said: “On behalf of the people of Malaysia, I wish to convey my deepest sympathies and profound condolences to the victims, their families, as well as the



A woman putting a toy next to a makeshift memorial to the victims of the shooting attack at the Crocus City Hall concert venue near Moscow yesterday. AFP PIC

people of Russia.

“The fact that the attack took place in a major concert hall, an epicentre of culture, is almost certainly by design, calculated to inflict maximum damage.

“Additionally, as a Muslim, I feel compelled to underscore that this atrocity can never be said to represent Islam or, indeed, any religion,” Anwar said.

He added that the world must stand firm

against evil.

Earlier, Reuters reported that camouflage-clad gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons at concert-goers on Friday night, dubbed the deadliest attack in Russia since the 2004 Beslan school siege.

Gunmen sprayed civilians with bullets just before Soviet-era rock group Picnic was to perform to a full house at the 6,200-seat hall.