



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and the Malaysian delegation calling on Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman in Riyadh on Monday. BERNAMA PIC

MEETING WITH SAUDI CROWN PRINCE

BRING ISRAEL TO JUSTICE, PM TELLS ARAB NATIONS

Be consistent and firm in demanding justice for Palestine, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called on Arab and Muslim countries to ensure that Israel is brought to justice for all the crimes and atrocities committed against Palestine.

In a meeting with Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman in Riyadh on Monday, the prime minister expressed his view that all Arab and Muslim countries, especially Saudi Arabia, needed to be consistent and firm in demanding justice for the Palestinian people.

Anwar concluded his trip to Riyadh to attend the Special Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) with Monday's visit before returning to Malaysia.

"I expressed my appreciation for the leadership exhibited by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in relation to the affairs of Muslims, including in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

"I expressed the view that all Arab and Muslim countries, especially Saudi Arabia, need to be consistent and firm in demanding justice for the Palestinian people by ensuring that Israel is brought to justice for all the crimes and atrocities that have been committed against Palestine for decades.

"In addition to continuing to

fight for the right to protection and access to humanitarian aid, all parties also need to voice objections to Israel's illegal invasion and occupation of Palestinian land, which is the main cause of this prolonged conflict," he said on X, formerly Twitter.

Anwar said the discussion between the two leaders also touched on trade and investment relations between the two countries.

He also spoke of Malaysia's readiness to join Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 by exploring new areas of cooperation, especially in the field of renewable energy and hydrogen.

He welcomed Saudi investors to explore potential investments in high value projects, such as digital and green economies, artificial intelligence, clean energy, defence, electricity and electronics and aerospace.

He also expressed his appreciation to the Saudi government for the allocation of 31,600 haj quotas for Malaysia this year.

Anwar also informed the crown prince that Malaysia was ready to chair Asean next year, including hosting the Asean-Gulf Cooperation Council Summit.

"I believe this visit has further strengthened the close relationship between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia, in addition to opening up various potential investments that will contribute to the prosperity of Malaysians as a whole, God willing."

On a related issue, Anwar said Malaysia was ready to cooperate with Qatar and other countries in West Asia to offer treatment to Palestinians injured in the Israeli government's attacks.

Anwar made the pledge to Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, who is also the Qatari foreign minister, during a bilateral meeting between both leaders on the sidelines of the special World Economic Forum on Monday.

In the meeting, Anwar conveyed Malaysia's appreciation and gratitude to Qatar for the role it played in helping Malaysian Nurul Ain Haron leave Gaza safely in November last year.

Nurul Ain, together with her Palestinian husband Mohamed A.M. Shaat, arrived in Malaysia on Nov 14, 2023, after departing the Gaza conflict area through the Rafah border crossing.

The prime minister pledged support for Qatar's role as a mediator in the Palestine issue.

Anwar added that Malaysia was involved in efforts to channel humanitarian aid to Gaza and had flown 100 tonnes of essential goods, transported 20 tonnes by sea, and distributed 1,500 tonnes through Malaysian non-governmental organisations.

The prime minister informed his counterpart that he would visit Doha and attend the Qatar Economic Forum scheduled for the middle of next month.

The meeting touched on opportunities to increase investment between both countries and increase trade between Malaysia-Qatar, which is now worth US\$910 million.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman in Riyadh on Monday.