

## PROOF OF CONFIDENCE

# PM's Doha meeting yields RM700 million in potential exports

**DOHA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's meeting with Qatari executives and business leaders has yielded export potential worth RM700 million.

Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said this in his speech at a dinner with Anwar and the Malaysian community in Qatar.

He said 36 Qatari captains of industry made the export commitment during a roundtable meeting chaired by Anwar.

*"Alhamdulillah,* we received a commitment worth RM700 million. This shows Qatar companies' confidence in our products

and services.

"Furthermore, we also see the potential of the West Asian market, which is a significant market for Malaysia that we can explore," he said after the dinner attended by more than 500 Malaysians.

Earlier, 45 captains of industry from 36 companies in food and food processing, pharmaceuticals, construction materials, real estate and construction, education, hospitality and healthcare, finance, aviation, retail and distribution and the digital economy attended the roundtable meeting.

At the roundtable, Anwar reiterated Malaysia's commitment

to strengthening bilateral relations with Qatar, especially in trade and investment.

He emphasised Malaysia's robust infrastructure, rule of law, skilled and trainable talent, disciplined project implementation and vibrant business ecosystem.

He said Malaysia was an attractive destination for investors aspiring to make the country a strategic manufacturing and service hub for the Asian market, besides attracting new opportunities for growth and diversity.

Tengku Zafrul said the roundtable meeting was a catalyst for fostering strategic partnerships, promoting investment and trade

opportunities, besides enhancing bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

He reiterated that the priority of his ministry and its agencies was to facilitate export and investment commitments with Qatari businesses, especially in chemicals and petrochemicals, digital economy, electrical and electronics, food processing, halal industry, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, and renewable energy.

Tengku Zafrul said he also highlighted Malaysia's strategic position as a member of 16 free trade agreements that Qatari businesses based in Malaysia could leverage on.