

# PM EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO IRAN

**Anwar says he met president Raisi at the UN General Assembly last year**

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has extended his deepest condolences to Iran following the deaths of the republic's president, foreign minister and other senior officials in a helicopter crash.

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic deaths of President Ebrahim Raisi, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and other officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

"My heartfelt condolences go out to the people of Iran during this difficult time.

"May Allah bless their souls and place them among the Righteous," he said in a statement.

Anwar recalled meeting Raisi on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly last November.

"He exemplified a deep commitment to the welfare of his people and the dignity of his nation, which represents a proud and rich civilisation rooted in the principles of Islam.

"His dedication to justice, peace and the upliftment of the

ummah was truly inspiring."

He said during the meeting, they had committed themselves to bolstering Malaysia-Iran relations and working together for the betterment of the people and the Muslim world, pledging it to be fulfilled.

Earlier yesterday, Reuters reported that the Iranian president along with several top government officials died when their helicopter, a Bell 212, crashed as it was crossing mountain terrain in heavy fog.

Officials said rescue teams fought blizzards and difficult terrain through the night to reach the wreckage in East Azerbaijan province in the early hours yesterday.

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*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting the late Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi last year. PIC FROM ANWAR IBRAHIM'S FACEBOOK*