

# PM extends condolences to Iran over president's death

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed condolences to the people of Iran over the helicopter crash that killed President Ebrahim Raisi and several government officials in northwest Iran on Sunday.

Anwar said Malaysia also mourned the calamity that had befallen the West Asian country.

"I am deeply saddened by the tragic deaths of President Ebrahim Raisi and several other

officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.

"Our prayers and solidarity go out to the people of Iran during this profoundly difficult time. May Allah bless their souls and place them among the righteous," the Prime Minister posted on Facebook, Bernama reported.

Anwar also shared a picture of him and Raisi, which was taken during their meeting on the sidelines of the United Nations

General Assembly in New York last November.

"Raisi 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.

"We committed ourselves to bolstering Malaysia-Iran relations, working together for the

betterment of our peoples and the Muslim world.

"Our pledge will be fulfilled," he said.

Earlier, Iranian Red Crescent Society president Pir-Hossein Kolivand reportedly said that no survivors were found at the site where the helicopter carrying Raisi crashed.

Kolivand also revealed that the crash site was found after hours of extensive search in a mountainous region in the province of

East Azerbaijan.

Raisi's helicopter crashed on Sunday afternoon in the Varzaqan region as he was returning with Hossein and several others from a ceremony to inaugurate a dam on Iran's border with Azerbaijan.