

PM TO VISIT MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AMERICA

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is set to embark on a diplomatic tour beginning with Cairo, Egypt, at the invitation of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.

Following his engagements in Cairo, Anwar will proceed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he will attend the Arab-Islamic Summit.

"The summit will address pressing issues, including the conflicts in Palestine and Lebanon, as well as other regional developments," he said on Facebook yesterday.

Then, Anwar will lead the Malaysian delegation to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Summit in Lima, Peru.

The final leg of his tour will take him to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the invitation of Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, to



Datuk Mohd Tarid Sufian

participate in the G20 Summit.

"Pray that my journey and that of the Malaysian delegation will be eased and that all meetings will bring benefits to the people and the nation," he said.

In Cairo, Anwar's four-day visit is set to strengthen ties between Malaysia and the North African country.

This will be Anwar's second visit to Egypt since taking office. His first trip to the country was last October.

Anwar, who arrived yesterday, is visiting on the occasion the 65th anniversary of Malaysia-Egypt ties today.

Malaysian ambassador Datuk Mohd Tarid Sufian said Anwar would be given a state welcome by El-Sisi at the Al-Ittihadiya Palace, before a meeting with the president.

Anwar and El-Sisi are expected to discuss bilateral issues cover-

ing higher education, investment, trade, tourism, health, renewable energy, natural resources and the halal industry.

The leaders will also discuss pressing regional and international issues, especially the Palestinian conflict.

"The prime minister's visit marks an important milestone in Malaysia-Egypt ties.

"It will open the door to new opportunities to strengthen and diversify cooperation," Tarid said here on Friday.

"It will lay the foundation for synergy in addressing various regional and global issues for mutual benefit."

He said Anwar and El-Sisi will witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Malaysian government and Al-Azhar Al-Sharif on Islamic issues,

Anwar will give a lecture at Al-Azhar University, hold engagement sessions with Egyptian captains of industry, and officiate a Proton assembly centre.

The Malaysian delegation to Egypt will include Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz, Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir, and Deputy Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister Datuk Seri Huang Tiong Sii.