



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting Russia Muftis Council and Religious Board of Muslims first deputy chairman Rushan Hazrat Abbyasov (centre) in Vladivostok yesterday, BERNAMA PIC

Putin supports Russian Muslims, says deputy mufti

VLADIVOSTOK: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had a meeting with Russian deputy mufti Rushan Hazrat Abbyasov a few hours after arriving here for a two-day working visit ahead of the 9th Eastern Economic Forum.

Rushan is the first deputy chairman of the Russia Muftis Council and Religious Board of Muslims.

Anwar and Rushan discussed cooperation in various areas, including Islamic banking, training and capacity building, exchange of expertise and collaboration with institutions in Malaysia,

such as the International Islamic University of Malaysia, Islamic Arts Museum and Bank Negara Malaysia.

Rushan shared Russian President Vladimir Putin's strong support for Muslims in the country and his respect for the religion and the Quran.

Both expressed solidarity with the Palestinians.

Rushan conveyed his deep fondness and admiration for Malaysia, describing it as a "very developed Muslim country" and said Russia had much to learn from Malaysia.