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# PM WELCOMES PAUSE IN U.S. TARIFFS

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has welcomed the United States' decision to pause the implementation of higher tariffs for several trading partners.

"Malaysia is among the countries granted a postponement, providing some brief relief," he said after attending the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry's Hari Raya celebration here yesterday.

Present was Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is also deputy prime minister.

Bernamea reported that Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz also welcomed the US' decision to pause the higher tariffs.

However, he acknowledged the uncertainty it created for regional economies.

"These latest developments will certainly be among the topics of discussion at the Asean Economic Ministers' Meeting that I will be chairing this (yesterday)

morning," he said in a post on social media, adding that "nothing is certain but uncertainty when it comes to US President Donald Trump's tariffs".

Trump, on Wednesday, said he had been considering a 90-day delay in elevated tariffs with the US' trading partners "over the last few days", citing diplomatic engagement and goodwill as factors behind the move, Anadolu Agency reported.

The announcement came on the same day the president increased US tariffs on Chinese imports to 125 per cent.

More than 75 countries were granted a 90-day reprieve from a separate deadline that would have subjected them to tariffs exceeding the 10 per cent baseline.

Asean's Indochina member states were the hardest hit by the tariffs, with Cambodia facing combined baseline and retaliatory duties totalling 49 per cent, followed by Laos at 48 per cent, Vietnam at 46 per cent, Myanmar at 44 per cent.

Thailand was subjected to tariffs of 36 per cent, Indonesia 32 per cent, Brunei and Malaysia both 24 per cent and the Philippines 17 per cent, while Singapore faced a baseline tariff of 10 per cent.

*Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim posing for a group photo on the last day of the 12th Asean Finance Ministers and Bank Governors meeting in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.*