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'New chapter in ties with Thailand'

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's recent working visit to Thailand has ushered in a new chapter in the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Anwar said he and Thai Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra had reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral efforts in trade, investment, border security and the development of border areas.

He said he also held discussions with Myanmar's State Administration Council and opposition National Unity Government, and the informal consultative group to the Asean Chair to hear their perspectives on the crisis in Myanmar.

"Our goal is to facilitate urgent humanitarian access and bring an end to the ongoing violence," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

Anwar added that he also met Thai investors and business leaders, who showed strong interest in Malaysia's economic direction.

He said Malaysia and Thailand were laying the groundwork for future regional prosperity that was shared, sustainable and driven by high-quality, strategic investments.

Anwar visited Thailand at the



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invitation of Paetongtarn. He concluded the two-day visit on Friday.

Since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1957, Malaysia and Thailand have enjoyed strong bilateral cooperation.

Last year, Thailand was Malaysia's seventh-largest trading partner globally, and the third-largest among Asean member states, with total trade amounting to RM114.56 billion.

Up to February this year, bilateral trade reached RM17.65 billion, up from RM16.8 billion during the same period last year.