



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim attending the state-level Madani Aidilfitri celebration at Stadium Perpaduan, Petra Jaya, Kuching, yesterday. With him is Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johar Abang Openg (second from left). **BERNAMA PIC**

'FOCUS ON WHAT WE CAN CONTROL'

PM: MAKE COUNTRY'S STABILITY THE PRIORITY

Trump's tariffs a reminder to stay competitive, says Anwar

KUCHING

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday Malaysians must prioritise maintaining the country's stability to face global challenges.

He said the move by United States President Donald Trump to impose tariffs served as a reminder of the importance of staying resilient and competitive.

Calling the tariffs "shocking", he said while Malaysia was facing a 24 per cent tariff, other countries like Indonesia faced even higher rates.

"So, what should we do? This reminds us to properly take care of our own household — our country, our economy—so that when a disaster strikes, we can survive.

"This is what resilience is all about, ensuring that we maintain our competitiveness."

He said this at the state-level Madani Aidilfitri 2025 celebration at Stadium Perpaduan in Petra Jaya here.

Anwar reminded Malaysians not to take their blessings for granted.

"Gratitude is essential. Sometimes, we take the benefits we receive for granted and assume everything is just ordinary.

"That shouldn't be the case," he said.

"Let us not be ungrateful or reject the blessings granted.

"Let us not fall into the trap of constant complaints and negativity. Such an attitude can invite hardship."

Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Abang Openg, who echoed Anwar's sentiments, said the country should remain focused on strengthening its economy.

"Malaysia is enjoying political stability, and our leadership has succeeded in elevating the country's international standing.

"Even with countries imposing tariffs, what's most important is the strength of our economy.

"Let us set tariffs aside and concentrate on what we can control,"

Abang Johari said in his speech at the event.

Anwar said Malaysia's economic performance remained robust and praised Sarawak's growing role in the national landscape.

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"Sarawak has received international recognition, particularly in green energy and sustainable development.

"Wherever I travel — Europe, China Japan or within Asean — Sarawak is acknowledged as having great potential, especially as a regional energy hub," he said.

He also thanked the Sarawak government for its collaboration in hosting the Madani Aidilfitri event. The celebration drew more than 10,000 people.

It was jointly organised by the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry, the Sarawak State Secretary's Office and the Performance Acceleration Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Office.

Also present was Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof. **Bernama**