

M'sia remains facilitator in Thai-Cambodia ceasefire

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia will continue to play its role as facilitator in the ceasefire efforts between Thailand and Cambodia without Asean intervention, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said he had met with both defence ministers of Thailand and Cambodia to discuss the details of the protocols that must be observed at the contested border areas.

"Thankfully, as of now, both countries have expressed their desire for Malaysia to continue playing a coordinating role.

"They have committed to upholding the conditions necessary to ensure the ceasefire is fully respected.

"In light of this, Malaysia will continue its role in facilitating the process," said Anwar after attending the 2026 Budget Consultation Council at the Finance Ministry here yesterday.

"At this point, we do not see the need for full Asean intervention.

"Both sides support this initiative, and it is sufficient for Malaysia to facilitate the cooperation between Thailand and Cambodia," he said.

The United States and China will not be involved to monitor the contested border areas, he added.

"They, however, have offered full cooperation in terms of logistical assistance or support should the need arise," said Anwar.

Earlier, Anwar received a courtesy call from Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister General Tea Seiha and Thailand's Acting Defence Minister Nattaphon Narkphanit with their respective delegations at Perdana Putra.

"It was a meaningful meeting that resulted in a key consensus to sustain dialogue and uphold the ceasefire along the Thailand-Cambodia border.

"I appreciate the trust placed in Malaysia to continue facilitating



Promoting peace: Anwar posing for a photo with Tea Seiha (second from left) and Nattaphon (second from right) at Perdana Putra. Also present were Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail (left) and Deputy Defence Minister Adly Zahari. – Bernama

the peace process, particularly through the leadership of Chief of Defence Force Jen Tan Sri Mohd Nizam Jaffar," said Anwar in a statement.

According to the Prime Minister, both sides also reached several important agreements, including full adherence to the ceasefire without any form of aggression,

no increase or repositioning of troops, avoidance of provocative actions, and a firm commitment to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure.