

BOND! BEACH TRAGEDY

Anwar: No justification to attack people based on race, religion

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday extended his condolences to the families of those who died in the mass shooting at Sydney's Bondi Beach on Sunday and wished those injured a swift and full recovery.

Anwar said in a Facebook post he was alarmed by the attack and condemned it in the strongest terms.

"There can be no justification for violence directed at civilians, still less for attacks that single people out on the basis of race or religion, at any time or in any place. Such acts have no basis in any faith or belief."

Anwar said Malaysia stood in solidarity with Australians at this difficult time and supported efforts to bring those responsible to justice.

The two gunmen — a man and his son — killed 15 people and wounded at least 40.

Police said the elder man died at the scene while the son was in critical condition in hospital. It was also reported that the father had a firearms licence for hunting.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said police and security agencies were working to identify anyone associated with the attack. **Bernama**



Mourners paying tribute to Bondi Beach shooting victims at the Bondi Pavilion in Sydney yesterday. AFP PIC