

ERDOGAN VISIT REAFFIRMS STRONG TIES'

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TURKIYE President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to Malaysia reaffirms the strong, enduring and forward-looking partnership between the two countries.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Turkiye was an indispensable player on the global stage, and the result of Erdogan's leadership was clear in Turkiye's resurgence, self-assurance and global engagement.

"It is a singular honour to welcome President Erdogan to Malaysia. His visit reaffirms the strong, enduring and forward-looking partnership between our countries.

"Indeed, President Erdogan has reshaped the contours of Turkish statecraft, reasserted national pride and positioned Turkiye as an

indispensable player on the global stage.

"Its economic rise, its infrastructural rejuvenation, and its bold diplomacy have all been driven by a leadership that does not wait to be invited to history's table but instead takes its rightful seat.

"There are those who posture and those who act. President Erdogan is emphatically in the latter category," he said in his speech at an event at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here yesterday.

Anwar also commended Turkiye's "technological renaissance", including the success of its Bayraktar drones, the TOGG electric vehicle project, advancements in space technology, and the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence capabilities.

On the geopolitical front, Anwar said Erdogan had propelled Turkiye as a global power and earned a reputation as a trusted mediator for peace in the Middle East and European affairs.



Universiti Malaya Chancellor Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah (right) conferring an Honorary Doctorate in International Relations on Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

He said Erdogan had also shown moral clarity and courage on Palestine.

“At a time when principles are too often sacrificed for convenience, he has spoken out fearlessly against dispossession, occupation and genocide.

“Turkiye’s support has gone beyond words — it has been tangible, diplomatic and steadfast.

“While others have hesitated, he has remained resolute. As global attention has intensified, he has ensured that support for Palestine translates into meaningful action,” he said.

Anwar also commended Turkiye for being a country that didn’t merely react to events but rather shaped them.

He also spoke of his friendship with Erdogan, describing it as a friendship built not on convenience, but on steadfast solidarity.

“In times of personal adversity, he extended a hand when many turned away. His support was neither perfunctory nor designed for political expedience. No, it was an expression of genuine fraternity. I have never forgotten it, and I never will,” he said.

Erdogan arrived in Malaysia earlier yesterday for a two-day official visit.

He is accompanied by First Lady Emine, arrived at the Bunga Raya Complex of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and was personally received by Anwar and his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday.