

# Anwar receives visit from Russian Security Council secretary

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday received a courtesy call from Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu to discuss security and defence issues.

Shoigu arrived at Perdana Putra, the Prime Minister's Office, at 10.15am. He was given a guard of honour by the First Battalion of the Royal Ranger Regiment.

Present was Russian ambassador to Malaysia Nail Latypov.

Last year, Anwar visited Russia to attend an economic forum, where he shared the stage with President Vladimir Putin.

In 2023, Russia was Malaysia's eighth largest trading partner among European countries, with total bilateral trade rising by 15.6 per cent year-on-year to RM14.22 billion from RM12.3 billion in 2022. **Bernama**



*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim walking with Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu as he inspects a guard of honour at Perdana Putra in Putrajaya yesterday. BERNAMA PIC*