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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has clarified that his frequent travels abroad are not for leisure, but to represent Malaysia and advance the country's interests on the global stage.

Speaking about his recent 24-hour trip from Brazil, Anwar said he frequently faced tough schedules but stayed dedicated to his duties.

"I represent Malaysia whenever I travel — it's not for leisure,"

He said this at the launch of the Madani Rakyat Terengganu 2025 Programme in Kuala Terengganu yesterday, which was posted on his Facebook page.

He said he would turn 78 next month and described his demanding itinerary.

He recalled arriving home at 3am and then opening the Asean conference at 9am on Wednesday, where he presented his keynote address at the opening ceremony of the 58th Asean Foreign Ministers' Meeting, followed by meetings with Asean leaders.

Anwar highlighted the importance of his attendance at the BRICS Summit in Brazil, a coalition of Global South nations aiming to boost trade ties outside the influence of major world powers.

"Brazil is a big country. It granted access to the largest oil platform to Petronas. Why? Because they are friends with us. Who benefits? Petronas. Petronas profits, and the Malaysian people benefit."