

# PM extends condolences

over Air **THE STAR**

**India crash**

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has conveyed condolences to the families of all those affected by the crash involving Air India Flight 171 in Ahmedabad, India.

"I was deeply distressed to learn of the tragic crash of Air India Flight 171.

"On behalf of the government and the people of Malaysia, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of all those affected.

"We share India's sorrow and stand in full solidarity as relief efforts continue.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and with everyone mourning this terrible loss," he said in a Facebook post.

The London-bound flight, carrying 242 people, including 12 crew members, crashed shortly after taking off from Ahmedabad Airport in the western state of Gujarat.

There were 169 Indian nationals, 53 Britons, seven Portuguese nationals and a Canadian on board.

Wisma Putra confirmed no Malaysians were on board.

"The Foreign Ministry, through the Consulate General of Malaysia in Mumbai, is closely monitoring the situation following reports of the crash," the ministry said.