

PM orders support for families of victims

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has instructed the Higher Education Ministry to coordinate the necessary support and assistance for the families of the victims involved in the crash.

In a Facebook post, Anwar said he and his wife Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail were deeply saddened by the news.

"My wife Azizah and I are deeply saddened by the tragic accident near Gerik this morning which resulted in the loss of 15 students.

"Our heartfelt condolences go out to all the families of the victims. We pray that you find strength and resilience during this incredibly difficult time."

Anwar also urged the public to draw lessons from such incidents, which serve as a reminder of the importance of road safety.

"This heartbreaking tragedy, like so many others before it, must serve as a stark reminder to all of us to remain vigilant on the roads. Never rush to your destination – your life is invaluable and irreplaceable."

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi also extended his condolences to the families.

Through a post on Facebook yesterday, he expressed his sadness over the incident.

"The loss of 15 young lives, who were on a journey of seeking knowledge, is a big blow. I offer my sincere condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. May they be granted patience and strength during this difficult moment.

"May those who perished be blessed and granted a place among the righteous and pious. I also pray for the speedy and full recovery of all the victims undergoing treatment."

Zahid, who is also Rural and Regional Development minister said he has also asked for a full report on the crash from relevant agencies for appropriate follow-up action.

"As such, I urged everyone to be patient and give their full cooperation to the authorities to conduct their investigations."