



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting Datuk M. Nasir in Putrajaya yesterday. With them is M. Nasir's wife, Datin Marlia Musa. PIC FROM ANWAR'S FACEBOOK PAGE

## DISCUSSION WITH PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT

# PM: EXTEND TRUCE FOR MYANMAR AID EFFORTS

**Need for stronger regional cooperation to support relief work, says Anwar**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called for stronger regional cooperation to support humanitarian efforts in quake-hit Myanmar, emphasising the need for an extended ceasefire.

In a call with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, Anwar said a ceasefire in Myanmar was crucial for the effective distribution of humanitarian aid to the affected population.

"We also believe any form of aid should be disseminated without

discrimination or restrictions," Anwar said in a statement yesterday.

In a separate matter, he highlighted Malaysia's potential to leverage its position as Asean chair to engage in global tariff discussions, particularly with the United States.

"The decision by the US to suspend the implementation of tariffs for 90 days provides an opportunity for further discussions on certain matters, given Malaysia's strength in several types of products."

Anwar also wished the Philippine president well for the upcoming general election on May 12 and expressed hope of meeting him at the upcoming Asean Summit.

Bernama reported that in a separate social media post, Anwar said the unity government would continue intensifying efforts to support Malaysian artistes in producing high-quality and out-

standing work.

The prime minister said this commitment was among the matters discussed during a meeting with artiste Datuk M. Nasir at in Putrajaya yesterday.

"Yesterday, I received a visit from renowned artiste Datuk M. Nasir in Putrajaya.

"During the meeting, we discussed the creative industry and arts and culture."

He encouraged M. Nasir to continue contributing to the music industry.

M. Nasir, whose real name is Mohd Nasir Mohamed, 67, is known for his intellectual and spiritual-themed work, and is regarded as one of the most influential figures in the development of Malaysian music and creative arts.

In addition to being a singer and composer, he is an actor, lyricist and art director who has played a major role in shaping Malaysia's cultural identity in the entertainment scene.