

Anwar congratulates Singapore PM Wong on polls victory

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has congratulated his Singaporean counterpart, Lawrence Wong, on the People's Action Party's (PAP) victory in the island nation's general election.

Anwar, on Facebook, said he looked forward to deepening the special relationship between both countries in the years ahead.

He also stressed that the prosperity and security of both nations were indivisible, as they were bound by geography and enduring ties of "kith and kin".

"As we look to the future, our two countries are building a habit of deep collaboration at all levels, a vital foundation as we navigate profound challenges to the global order and international trade."

Anwar added that together, the two countries had the opportunity to make the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone, announced last January, a shining example of what neighbours could achieve with conviction and shared purpose.

PAP, Singapore's long-time ruling party, secured a landslide election victory after winning all but 10 of the 97 seats in the country's unicameral legislature, taking 65.57 per cent of the more than 2.4 million votes cast in Saturday's polls.

Wong said the results were a clear signal of trust, stability,

and confidence in the government, placing Singapore in a better position to face the "turbulent" world.

Meanwhile, Anwar said he had contacted Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto for a brief discussion, during which both leaders agreed on the need to strengthen bilateral cooperation between across various sectors.

He said both he and Prabowo believed the strong Malaysia-Indonesia relationship could bring meaningful benefits to their people.

"Prabowo and I believe that the close relationship between Malaysia and Indonesia can bring benefits to the people as a whole.

"We also discussed preparations for the Asean Summit 2025, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur at the end of this month."

Prabowo also extended an invitation to Anwar for an official visit to Indonesia soon.

In January 2023, Anwar visited the country, his first official trip after becoming prime minister in November 2022.

During the visit, he met Prabowo's predecessor, Joko Widodo.

Last October, Anwar attended Prabowo's inauguration as the eighth president of Indonesia.

Since taking office, Prabowo has visited Malaysia three times, most recently in April.