

TENSIONS OVER KASHMIR

Pakistan PM postpones Malaysia visit

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said his Pakistani counterpart, Shehbaz Sharif, has postponed his visit to Malaysia this Friday due to escalating tensions following a terror attack in Kashmir.

“I received a phone call yesterday (Sunday) from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of Pakistan, who conveyed his decision to postpone his official visit to Malaysia.

“This was in light of recent tensions following the attack in Indian-administered Kashmir,” Anwar said.

He expressed hope for a swift de-escalation of tensions between the countries.

“I expressed my full understanding of the difficult circumstances Pakistan is facing and conveyed Malaysia’s hope that the situation will de-escalate swiftly.

“I strongly condemned any form of violence and affirmed Malaysia’s support for an independent and transparent investigation to identify those responsible.”

He said Malaysia was prepared to play a role in promoting regional stability.

“Malaysia remains open to playing a constructive role, should the need arise. We believe our close ties with both Pakistan and India place us in a position to support efforts towards regional, peace and stability.”

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