

# PM: Malaysia boldly raised Gaza issue with Trump

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia is the only country that took a firm stand on Gaza directly before United States President Donald Trump.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Malaysia had taken the best approach by personally conveying to Trump that a comprehensive solution to the issue was needed.

“We spoke about a comprehensive solution. The issue of Gaza requires a comprehensive solution. Which nation had the courage to mention that directly to Trump? I did, because I represented Malaysia.

“Can this be denied? How many countries did Trump visit?

“How many spoke to his face about the need for a comprehensive solution? Right in front of him?

“Were there any others that did that? None,” said Anwar during

the question-and-answer session in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

He added that Malaysia had consistently used every opportunity to raise the issue with the US president.

“If I said it happened in a private conversation inside ‘The Beast’, you could question it. But this was done openly, not once, but three times publicly.”

Previously, Anwar said he made full use of his time with Trump in “The Beast” — the US presidential state car — to discuss several issues following the latter’s arrival in Malaysia.

Anwar said their conversation covered a wide range of topics, including Malaysia’s ties with China, his invitation to Brazil and South Africa for the 47th Asean Summit, trade tariffs and Gaza.

Anwar had repeatedly defended the decision to invite Trump

to the summit.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said Malaysia had been invited by Egypt and France to serve as a co-convenor in the Gaza Reconstruction Conference, to be held this month in Egypt.

Mohamad said Malaysia’s participation aimed to strengthen international support for rebuilding the war-torn territory.

“We will attend to ensure that Malaysia can contribute, even if not significantly, at least in some way, so that the reconstruction effort is shared collectively by the international community.

“This is also to help ease the suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza, even if not immediately,” he said during the winding up of the 2026 Budget debate for his ministry in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.