

RULERS ATTEND PRE-COUNCIL MEETING

PM summoned to Istana Negara to brief king, rulers on key national, international matters

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HIS Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia yesterday attended the pre-council meeting of the Conference of Rulers at Istana Negara, ahead of the 270th Meeting of the Conference of Rulers today.

According to a post on the Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar Facebook page, the two-day meeting will be presided over by Raja Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail.

Earlier, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim briefed the Conference of Rulers on several key matters, including preparations for the 47th Asean Summit at the end of the month, the proposed Gaza peace plan by United States President Donald Trump and Trump's visit to Malaysia for the summit.

"During the meeting, I provid-



His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the pre-council meeting of the Conference of Rulers at Istana Negara yesterday, PIC FROM SULTAN IBRAHIM S FACEBOOK

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ed updates on current issues, including the Asean Summit, visits by world leaders and policy matters such as preparations for the 2026 Budget," he said on the sidelines of the Asean Conference on

Future-Ready Public Service in Petaling Jaya yesterday.

Anwar said the meeting also touched on the Global Sumud Flotilla mission.

"I was summoned by the rulers

to provide updates on Asean affairs, President Trump's visit, the flotilla issue and other national matters.

"After the meeting, I headed to the airport to send off my col-

league, the prime minister of Pakistan," he said.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the pre-council meeting coincided with Prime Minister's Question Time in Parliament at 10am, which had to be postponed.

According to Parliament's Order Paper, he was set to answer two questions during the session.

When officiating the Asean Conference on Future-Ready Public Service, Anwar said a future-ready civil service required leaders who think beyond electoral cycles, act transparently and embrace scrutiny.

He said leadership, both in politics and public service, must be rooted in moral clarity and the courage to pursue genuine reform.

"*Alhamdulillah*, Asean remains one of the world's most stable regions. But stability alone will not prepare us for the storms ahead.

"With 660 million people, our region must function as a network of capable and trusted institutions.

"The next phase of Asean cooperation will hinge on how we moralise the state itself.

"At the heart of governance lies morality. Without moral purpose, public service loses its direction.

"Our duty is to empower citizens and ensure that progress reaches every layer of society."