

TRUMP: ANWAR PLAYED A VITAL ROLE

US president praises PM for mediating between Thailand and Cambodia

KUALA LUMPUR

THE peace agreement between Thailand and Cambodia marks an important step towards

ensuring stability and prosperity in Southeast Asia, United States President Donald Trump said.

During the signing of the agreement, known as the Kuala Lumpur Peace Accord, Trump also praised Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, saying he played a key role in mediating the border dispute between Thailand and Cambodia.

“The prime minister (Anwar) played a very important role in helping to convene the two sides for discussions here in Kuala Lumpur.

“He (Anwar) was there, and I told him that if we got this solved, I would come to your country. I told you the truth, didn't I?”

“I felt I had an obligation to come because you (Anwar) were so great — and the two men alongside you, the Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet — so great, historic figures now, early his-



(From left) Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, United States President Donald Trump, Thai Prime Minister Anutin and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet after the Kuala Lumpur Peace Accord signing in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, PIC COURTESY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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The agreement, signed by Anulin and Hun Manet, was witnessed by Trump and Anwar.

Trump added that the US, due to its strong commitment to stability and peace in the region, took immediate diplomatic action to prevent the conflict from worsening.

Trump said he had held phone conversations with all three leaders since early this year, which became highly productive by July.

“With this, both countries have agreed to cease all hostilities and work towards building good neighbourly relations, which have already begun.”