

The Star gets White House nod

Paper spotted at Trump-Anwar meet and on press aide's X

PETALING JAYA: Coverage of US President Donald Trump's visit to Malaysia by *The Star* has garnered the attention of the White House.

In pictures posted on Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's Facebook page, the Prime Minister was seen next to Trump as well as a copy of *The Star* newspaper on the table. Also seen was a copy of the *New Straits Times*.

In the post, Anwar said he had the opportunity once again to hold a brief meet with Trump.

"The meeting provided an opportunity to review the outcomes of the Malaysia-United States bilateral discussions held earlier, including strategic cooperation in the fields of trade, technology and regional security," said the Prime Minister.

"I conveyed my deep appreciation to President Trump for his instrumental role in advancing the Kuala Lumpur Peace Accord (KL Accord) and the Gaza Peace Plan, both of which serve as beacons of hope for achieving a just and lasting peace."

The post garnered comments from Cambodian Facebook users who thanked the Prime Minister



and Malaysia for bringing about the KL Peace Accord that ceased hostilities along the Thai-Cambodian border.

A copy of *The Star* was also featured on the X (formerly Twitter) account of White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt.

Trump left for Tokyo, Japan at 10am yesterday from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and was sent off by Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

Meanwhile, a video of Trump dancing to local music during his visit to Malaysia went viral on social media, attracting more than 38 million views across various platforms.

Trump's adviser Alex Bruesewitz highlighted the video's traction online.

Special Assistant to the President and Communications Advisor Margo Martin said the



Making headlines: Trump seen with a copy of 'The Star' alongside Anwar and US Ambassador to Malaysia Edgard D. Kagan before the US President's departure to Japan. — Photo from Anwar's Facebook page

clip, which shows Trump engaging warmly with delegates and joining in a dance to local music "may just be (her) favourite video captured yet".

The US President was on his maiden visit to Malaysia and his first participation in an Asean Leaders' Summit since beginning his second presidency in January

this year.

Trump is the third US president in history to visit Malaysia, after Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 and Barack Obama in 2014 and 2015.