

# 'Appreciate peace, unity in Malaysia'

**ISKANDAR PUTERI:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged the people to always appreciate the blessings of peace and unity that Malaysia has enjoyed thus far.

He said Malaysia is still far more peaceful compared to many other countries, and various crises — including wars, civil unrest and armed conflicts occurring abroad — should serve as lessons.

“We are truly grateful, *Alhamdulillah*.

“When compared to many other countries, Malaysia is much more peaceful.

“Riots are happening everywhere,” he said in his closing speech at the Malaysian Religious Agencies Assembly here yesterday.

Referring to the situations in Palestine, Ukraine, and the shooting incident in Utah, United States, which occurred two days ago, he said these incidents served as examples that the world was in turmoil.

“We pray to Allah SWT that we can continue to maintain the peace and unity we possess.”



*Displaced Palestinians fleeing northern Gaza due to an Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip yesterday, REUTERS PIC*

Meanwhile, Anwar said Islamic religious agencies and departments needed to act as catalysts and prime movers in the nation’s development towards a greater future, grounded in Islamic values and noble character.

He said this effort included implementing transformations towards digitalisation and the adoption of new technology

such as artificial intelligence (AI).

“I ask that all national policies, including rural development programmes down to the fields of digital and AI, must take input from an Islamic perspective.”

Also present was Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na’im Mokhtar. **Bernama**