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PM: NDIP vital for economic stability

SEBERANG JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has underscored the importance of the National Defence Industry Policy, saying it is critical not only to national security, but also to sustaining Malaysia's economic growth and stability.

Speaking at the launch of Seberang Jaya Hospital's new building yesterday, he said the policy was developed with Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin and the armed forces leadership to strengthen the defence ecosystem.

He said isolated incidents involving defence personnel should not be allowed to tarnish the reputation of the entire force.

"I do not want one or two cases' to be seen as representing the entire armed forces."

Anwar said Malaysia's recent economic achievements, including a strengthening ringgit and trade surpassing RM3 trillion, were only possible because the country remained peaceful.

"We have peace because of the sacrifices of our police and armed forces."