

'Anwar desperate for external help'
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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's support for Israel is due to the backing he received from religious figures like Pas spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

Umno supreme council member Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said Malaysia might become a pro-Israel country if Anwar becomes the prime minister.

"It is because of the support from Nik Aziz that Anwar is daring enough to express his support for Israel."

Puad also claimed that Anwar and Nik Aziz were desperate for external aid in conquering Putrajaya.

"They are not confident of winning through fair and democratic election, so they are seeking interference from the Americans and Jews," he said yesterday.

Anwar had reportedly said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal recently that he supported "all efforts to protect the security of the state of Israel".

Puad, who is deputy education minister, also lambasted Nik Aziz's leadership, saying that the Kelantan menteri besar only focused on his political agenda and quest for power.

"Nik Aziz is an 'ulamak politik' (political ulama) who has tricked his followers into turning their backs on the plight of Palestinian Muslims at the hands of Israel's Zionists."

He urged the Pas leadership not to keep silent on the matter as Nik Aziz had deviated from the Islamic and party's standpoint.

"Pas' religious leaders need to get him (Nik Aziz) back onto the right track if they are to uphold the Islamic faith in this country."

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