

BN Youth and NGOs submit memorandum
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PARTI Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is getting more heat over his statement expressing support for Israel's security, this time from Barisan Nasional Youth and various non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

In a memorandum submitted to PKR headquarters yesterday, BN Youth and the Islamic and Malay NGOs strongly denounced and condemned Anwar's statement.

BN Youth and the NGOs are upset with Anwar's "two-faced" actions for labelling himself as an Islamic leader who fights for justice, but at the same time, conspiring and supporting the Israeli regime which had killed and oppressed the Palestinians.

"Does Anwar realise that thousands of Palestinian lives had been lost since Israel's decades long occupation? Does Anwar realise that there are many Palestinians who are jailed and trapped due to the wall constructed by Israel?

"Does he realise the suffering and misery of the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, who are starving and destitute as a result of the economic sanction imposed by Israel?

"What has obscured Anwar's eyes, preventing him from realising Israel is using national security as an excuse?

"What is Anwar's strategy until he is willing to be a hero for Israel and insult the struggle to defend Palestine?" states the memorandum.

BN Youth and the NGOs stressed that this was Anwar's real face and nature, adding he had a forked tongue, a hypocrite and full of lies and deceit.

They said Malaysians rejected Anwar's attitude and was confident Malaysians realised that Anwar's pro-Israel stand was his real nature.

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal recently, Anwar was quoted as saying that he supported "all efforts to protect the security of the state of Israel".

This has caused a storm in Pas, his Pakatan Rakyat ally, with Pas Dewan Ulama vice-chief Datuk Mahfodz Mohamed pointing out last week that several members of the Pas syura council were not mincing their words in demanding that Anwar retract his statement as they were convinced that those were the very words uttered by Anwar.

On Tuesday, Anwar met with Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat to explain his statement.

Anwar, after the meeting, told reporters that he had no plans to sue WSJ and insisted that Nik Aziz understood his stance.

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