

**Hamas Denial Lays Bare Anwar's Support For Israel: Najib  
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KOTA BAHARU, March 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the statement by Hamas, denying that it has a parallel stance with Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim over his recent statement on Israel's security, showed that opposition leader's remark was in favour of Israel.

The prime minister said the statement by Anwar was in stark contrast with the stance of Hamas.

"It (Hamas) rejected Anwar's statement because it shows that he (Anwar) is giving more importance to the security of Israel than the struggle of the Palestinian people who have been oppressed all this while," he told a news conference here Friday.

Najib was asked to comment on the remark by Hamas political bureau deputy chairman Dr Mousa Abu Marzouk who denied that Hamas had a parallel stance with Anwar on Israel's security concern.

Mousa stressed that Hamas would never recognise the Zionist regime as Israel was an illegally-founded country.

Anwar had previously claimed that Hamas leader Khalid Mashal accepted his explanation over the controversy following a meeting with the leader in Qatar.

Najib the government was consistent in its stance on Israel and this was proven in the letters written by then-prime minister Tun Mahathir Mohamad to three then-Israeli leaders.

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