

Anwar brings message of peace from Pope
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Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim brought home a message of peace from the head of the Vatican, Pope Francis, who said he was praying for peace and harmony among Muslims and Christians in Malaysia.

Anwar said the Pope also hoped for religious harmony among people of all faiths in Malaysia.

"I told him it is our common duty to make sure it happens," he added.

Anwar, who met the Pope at the Piazza del Campidoglio in Rome on October 1, described the Pope as the new voice of the papacy and someone who is compassionate towards the poor.

"I also remember him commenting on the Syrian crisis and the destruction of churches. He instead called on Christians to show compassion for the millions of Muslims who were suffering because of what was happening in Syria," he said.

It had been previously reported that Anwar would be meeting the Pope in Rome in a session involving leaders of various faiths.

He had explained that the Pope requested to meet with several delegates for a discussion and that he would be among them.

To avoid controversy over the meeting, Anwar had also urged his constituents and supporters to help explain the truth to others who might be against him.

"They might say I want to convert to Christianity. This is why we continue to fight for freedom, democracy, and change," he had said. - October 9, 2013.

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