

VERBATIM TEXT

BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND CANADA

OPENING REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE DATO' SERI ANWAR BIN IBRAHIM PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA 27 OCTOBER 2025

I should say *Terima kasih* and thank you to Prime Minister Mark Carney. Congratulations for now at the helm of the government of Canada. Tough times, but I'm sure you can maneuver and navigate well.

But back to our bilateral relations with Canada has been very close, as I told you, from the days of, particularly during Paul Martin.

I told the Prime Minister (Mark Carney) that every day during the entire trial, from the people from the High Commission will be there without fail, every day in the trial. They went there for

years to do that because there was instruction by the Prime Minister (Paul Martin).

So, I'm very, at a personal level, very thankful, appreciative, meaningful friendship and, you know, defense of justice and freedom.

But on our trade and investments, other than, of course, Petronas, who's doing extremely well. Thank you again and they're very happy. They gave, I think, last week's report things doing extremely well, but I think we need to expand just more areas.

And now that we have other issues coming countries, I think, opening up for educational opportunities, research. I visited most of the universities in Canada, speaking engagements and meetings, both in office and out of office, more out of office than in. So, I think we look forward to this, of collaboration.

We have discussed this even at the Cabinet and I think we have given a decision to, you know, to give priority to our relations with Canada.