

Ibraim Anwar (Malaysia)

Anwar Ibrahim graduated in 1971 from Malay College Kuala Kangsar. That year he founded the Malaysian Youth Movement, and in 1973 he was appointed as a member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to the United Nations Secretary General on Youth Affairs. Together with the late Prof. Ismail al-Faruqi (Temple University, Philadelphia) and Dr. Taha Jabir al-Awani, Ibrahim founded the IIIT (International Institute of Islamic Thought) in 1981 and later set up the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences in Ashburn, Virginia.

Ibrahim co-chaired the Pacific Dialogue (1994-1997) which strove to overcome challenges to the Asia-Pacific region in the 21st century and eventually drafted a Pacific Charter which rejected a future clash of civilizations.

In September 2004, Ibrahim was acquitted by the Malaysian Federal Court of charges which had led to his dismissal from government (he had been serving as deputy prime minister and finance minister) and incarceration for six years. He is married to Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail with six children.

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