

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **U.S. EMBASSY PRESS STATEMENT**

#### **U.S. comment on the arrest of Anwar Ibrahim:**

- **The United States is paying close attention to the situation, as are many other friends of Malaysia. It is our hope that the rule of law will be applied fairly and transparently, given the flawed nature of the process that led to Anwar's past sodomy conviction, which was ultimately overturned by a Malaysian court.**
  
- **Transparent and impartial application of the law in this case is critical to continued confidence in Malaysia's democratic institutions, particularly its legal and judicial systems.**