

South Korea and Malaysia's Interest in Strategic Partnership

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*Malaysian **Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim**'s visit to South Korea signaled an "upgrade" in the Malaysia-South Korea bilateral relations to strategic partnership.*

According to [Sputnik International](#),

Ibrahim said that new areas of partnership might include artificial intelligence and digital technologies, alongside regional security, the defense industry and economic partnerships, ... adding that cooperation in defense industry was especially highlighted as a "symbol of mutual trust."

Both countries "[strongly condemned](#) the actions of the DPRK which launched a ballistic missile on October 31." Apart from this, [they also cited](#) "several other regional and global issues" being the impetus for the interest in the elevation of bilateral relations.

Brian Berletic of TheAltWorld noted in a 2022 [article](#) that

"Malaysia's new prime minister Anwar Ibrahim is the product of decades of US government backing, both himself a regular associate of Washington's regime change front, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), and part of a wider US NED-funded network."

Given PM Ibrahim's background, this strategic cooperation between Malaysia and South Korea clearly goes beyond the security of the Korean Peninsula but even extends to America's efforts in containing China, of which South Korea is a willing and key player.

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