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DPM EXPRESSES REGRET OVER ATTITUDE OF MALAY PARENTS

PULAU PINANG, Feb 1 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim tonight expressed disappointment over the attitude of some parents especially among the Malays who did not bother about the affairs of their children.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the social problems that were faced by many Malays now were caused by the attitude of the Malay parents themselves.

According to him, a comparative study between the Malay and Chinese families living in flats in Kuala Lumpur showed that 98 per cent of the Chinese children returned home directly after school.

Only about 50 per cent of Malay children returned home directly after school while the rest would visit shopping complexes elsewhere, he said during a fast breaking function at the Menora Mosque, Tasik Gelugor, here.

"All this happened because parents (of Malay children) do not bother when their children return home," he said adding that the percentage did not differ much from that recorded for this state.

"If all parents cared and took the trouble to check on their children, such problems would not occur among the Malays," he added.

Anwar said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is concerned about the social problems faced by the Malays, was also worried about the negative attitude of the Malay parents.

In this regard, the Deputy Prime Minister said he had called for a special meeting in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday which will be attended by the muftis and officials of the Negeri Sembilan and Selangor religious councils.

He said Dr Mahathir will also attend the meeting. -- BERNAMA
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