

# Road show 'a pedlar's gimmick' 11

ALOR STAR: Kedah Mentri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid has likened Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's road show to a medicine pedlar's way of drawing the crowd.

"The crowd will gather, of course. The question is how many will eventually buy his medicine," he told newsmen after chairing an exco meeting here yesterday.

Sanusi, who is also an Umno supreme council member, said the huge turnout at Anwar's gatherings was only temporary because the people wanted to hear his side of the story and nothing more.

"This must not be construed as a sign of support because Malays are sometimes inquisitive," he said when commenting on Anwar's nationwide tour to explain his innocence.

He also dismissed allegation by Anwar that a "high level conspiracy," in which Sanusi was alleged to be involved, was behind Anwar's removal from office.

"There is no conspiracy but the question is whether you do it or otherwise. We support who is right and reject those who are not right," he added.

Sanusi said he would not be part of any conspiracy because this was a method used only by "cowards."

He said when Anwar vied for the Umno Youth chief's post, there had been a conspiracy in Anwar's camp, and the same method had been used by him when he challenged the then deputy prime minister Ghabar Baba for the party's Number Two post.

Sanusi said there was no reason

for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to conspire against the man whom he had groomed to be the next leader of the country.

"He was saddened, disappointed and disgusted after seeing evidence of Anwar's misconduct," he added.

He said the result of Anwar's trial was not important because Dr Mahathir had stated that he found Anwar to be not suitable for the job.

In Kuala Terengganu, Mentri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad said the state government would not allow Anwar to conduct *ceramah* if he did not apply for a police permit.

He said he was not aware of any plan by Anwar to hold a gathering in the state.

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