

# **Anwar's act 'not acceptable'** <sup>39</sup>

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KANGAR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hit out at his sacked former deputy for consorting with opposition parties, especially the DAP.

The Prime Minister said this was "unacceptable to Umno."

"His act shows where his loyalty lies. If he really has the Umno spirit, he will not participate in such acts (of speaking at a DAP function).

"But to him, his self interest is more important. When he

sees he has no support in Umno he runs to the opposition party.

"Umno members will be disappointed with him. If Umno members are loyal to the party, they will leave him because he has not even aligned himself to PAS but DAP. . . DAP is a party that cannot be accepted at all by Umno," he said to reporters at the Langkawi International Airport after visiting the International Shoot Range here.

On Anwar's rallies around the country, Dr Mahathir said:

"Well, that is the problem

with him. He has no principles. If you say something is wrong you must not qualify it by saying that it is wrong if you do it against me but if I do it against others it is not wrong."

"He knows he is breaking the law. It has been very clear that you cannot have gatherings of more than five people without permits.

"But he seems to think that he can break the law."

Dr Mahathir said Anwar tells everyone that "we are very oppressive and we will not allow

him to hold the rallies. But he holds rallies without permission.

"He seems to believe that when you are aligned to the opposition that you can break the law and get away with it."

Dr Mahathir said the former deputy prime minister talked about the law being applicable to everybody fairly:

Asked about the presence of Umno members at Anwar's rallies, Dr Mahathir said:

"We will see how long they will go on.

"Maybe they are there because of curiosity and confused and so on. I think when they finally find out what the truth is, they will act accordingly."

Asked if he had told Anwar that he had planned to step down, Dr Mahathir said:

"I did not tell him. I only told the public recently because this is a decision I made myself and I promised myself.

"I did not tell him. Well there are certain things I don't tell. I don't tell him everything," he said.