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ANWAR TRYING TO CONCEAL HIS PERSONAL PROBLEMS, SAYS ISA

BAHAU, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should be more humble instead of arrogant in facing the action by the government and the party, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said today.

Isa criticised Anwar for what he regarded as aspersions cast by him against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad following his dismissal on Sept 2.

"When he was in the government, he was most vocal in his praises for the prime minister," he told reporters at Kampung Serting Ilir near here.

"But now it is the reverse and as such, the people should understand his background," he said.

Isa also said that he did not see anything special in the "Permatang Pauh Declaration", the basis for Anwar's reformation movement he launched in his parliamentary constituency last Saturday.

"The declaration is an attempt to secure his own interest. It is more to conceal his personal problems, to divert the people's attention to his fall from grace and his conspiracy theory," he said.

Anwar, who was dismissed from the government and Umno for alleged moral misconduct, had denied all allegations and claimed there was a conspiracy to see his downfall.

Isa said that Anwar should not be so emotional.

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