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Declaration

PASIR MAS REJECTS PERMATANG PAUH DECLARATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- The Pasir Mas Umno division today issued a Pasir Mas Declaration rejecting the Permatang Pauh Declaration by former Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In rejecting the declaration which Anwar launched last Saturday, Pasir Mas division chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali said the whole content of the Permatang Pauh declaration has been and was being implemented by the government.

"The (Permatang Pauh) declaration is a rearranged version of an old tune set to the beat of reformation for political end to hoodwink the rakyat to gain sympathy and support," according to the Pasir Mas Declaration.

The seven-point Permatang Pauh declaration spells out the basis of Anwar's struggle to correct what he claimed as the country's flaws.

Ibrahim, who is also an Umno Supreme Council member, said the Pasir Mas division unanimously supported and fully backed party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the council's decision to expel Anwar from Umno and the government.

The Pasir Mas division held a special meeting attended by all the leadership at divisional and branch levels.

It also asked Anwar, as a Muslim, to willingly accept the party and government's decision as fated.

The division also supported the radical and drastic measures adopted by the government under Dr Mahathir's leadership in steering the country out of the current economic problems, Ibrahim said in a statement.

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