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Pasir Mas pledges support for sacking

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Pasir Mas Umno division, including its Youth and Wanita wings, today pledged its support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the supreme council with regard to the sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the Government and his expulsion from the party.

The division's head Datuk Ibrahim Ali said the division would also support whatever decisions to be taken by Dr Mahathir and the supreme council in tackling issues related to Anwar's expulsion from the Government and the party.

He said the decision was reached at the division's special meeting today, which was also attended by the Youth and Wanita wings committees.

"We also urge all party members and that of other Barisan Nasional component parties to close ranks and stay united in supporting the leadership of Dr Mahathir in preserving the sovereignty of the country," he said in a statement today.

Ibrahim said the divisions also called on Anwar to accept what happened to him as fated and to take it with an open heart like a good Muslim.

On the reformation declaration announced by Anwar at Permatang Pauh on Saturday, Ibrahim said all the contents of the declaration were already being implemented by the Government.

The declaration, Ibrahim said, was nothing more than an attempt by Anwar to put a reformation tune to an old song in an effort to manipulate public sympathy.

In Jempol, Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said there was nothing special about the 'Permatang Pauh Declaration' and that the declaration was merely for personal gains.

He said the declaration was a show of selfishness on Anwar's part and it should be rejected by the people.

Isa said that Anwar's actions were merely an attempt to divert the people's attention and play on their emotions by claiming there were numerous conspiracies leading to his downfall.

"There is nothing special in the declarations and its contents are merely an attempt to influence the people," he said after officiating a new community hall at Kampong Serting Hilir here, today.

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