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PRESS CLUB REGRETS ANWAR'S ACCUSATION

PULAU PINANG, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- The Penang Press Club (PMC) today expressed regret over the accusation by former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim that the local reporters were one-sided in their reporting.

Its chairman, Zulkifly Mohamad said it was an unfair to local reporters who had been supportive to him all along when he was in the government.

"He received wide publicity when he was Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president, in fact better coverage than Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said in a statement.

Zulkifly said the press in Pulau Pinang also provided Anwar wide coverage each time he returned to his constituency and his kampung in CheroK To' Kun, Bukit Mertajam.

Anwar should realise that reporters were entrusted to report the truth, not making up stories which would be against journalism code of ethics, he said.

He also hoped that Anwar's supporters would not prevent the reporters from carrying out their duties.

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