

Anwar blasts Mahathir legacy

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's jailed former deputy prime minister, fired a parting shot at his ex-boss Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday, accusing him of wrecking public governance and racking up debts on mega projects.

"He came on to the scene two decades ago in a breeze, with promises of reform, but instead he put all promises asunder by destroying all the things he promised to save," Anwar said in a written reply to Reuters questions.

Mahathir fired Anwar, his nominated successor, in September 1998, watching him arrested that month and later sentenced to 15 years in jail for sex and abuse of power offences he is still appealing.

Mahathir has maintained that Anwar's trials were fair and that his former deputy is unfit to govern. - Reuters