

A caring nation never goes bankrupt, says Anwar

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Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim is confident that Pakatan Rakyat's reform proposals criticised by some as being populist, will not lead the country into bankruptcy as proven by other caring governments in the past.

"My friends, you can read history, Chinese, Indian or even African histories. Never in history had a government that cared for its people and looked after the people had gone bankrupt.

bersih kedah jom100 launching 060412 anwar ibrahim"Never! Not the leaders who helped the poor," Anwar (right) told some 300 people at a ceramah in Setapak Jaya last night.

He added that only governments with corrupted leaders will go into debts.

"Last year the leakage in government spending alone amounted to RM21 billion.

"If I become the prime minister, I will kick out all corrupted individuals in the government and make sure everyone is clean," he said.

The ceramah themed 'Current Issues, Jom Bersih 3.0' also featured Kepong DAP parliamentarian Tan Seng Giaw, Shah Alam PAS parliamentarian Khalid Samad, student activist Adam Adli and Wangsa Maju PKR division facilitator Tan Kee Kwong.

Anwar in his hour-long speech reiterated his commitment to reduce fuel prices, scrap the national higher education fund (PTPTN) and introduce pro-rakyat policies if Pakatan is voted into power.

More taxi permits

The prime minister aspirant said BN and Umno will be placed in an awkward position if Pakatan reduces fuel prices.

NONE"God willing, if we manage to win (to form the government), I will be sworn in and announce the reduction of fuel prices at once.

"It will be followed by freedom of the press, so RTM will allocate air time for the opposition leader - Najib (Abdul Razak) to comment on the fuel price reduction.

"What do you expect him to say? If he says he agrees, then Umno is finished. If he says he doesn't agree, it will be even worse," he quipped.

The Permatang Pauh MP also vowed to make taxi permits more accessible to individual drivers, adding that he will revoke the total power granted to the transport minister.

Meanwhile, Anwar revealed that Setev Shaariibuu, the father of murdered Mongolian national Altantuya, had met him recently and appealed for help in seeking justice for his daughter's case.

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