

Ibrahim Ali says he'd be a better PM than Anwar
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Perkasa president Ibrahim said he can be a better Prime Minister than Kajang PKR candidate Anwar Ibrahim could ever be.

"Let them say I am showing off and gone overboard," the colourful Ibrahim told a crowd of 100 Perkasa members in Penang today.

Ibrahim was speaking at a Penang Perkasa event where he gave out letters of appointment to the new NGO's lineup in the state.

"I can say one thing, in terms of morals and behaviour, Ibrahim Ali is 1,000 million times better than Anwar," he said to hearty applause from the 100 strong audience.

"So, if you want a prime minister, if you don't like anybody else, no need to worry about Anwar, Ibrahim Ali also can be a good prime minister," he added to laughter and more clapping.

"We have the same level of education, I have a general degree same with Anwar, Pengajian Melayu (Malay studies) from Universiti Malaya, repeat one year. I have given speeches everywhere, in Parliament, Westminster...my record is clean, so why not?"

"Start tomorrow, the next prime minister is Ibrahim Ali, not Anwar Ibrahim," he added.

He then qualified himself by saying he was only challenging Anwar, adding he was not bothered if the prime minister was anyone else.

Ibrahim said he knew he can do the job better than Anwar, as in the past, it was he (Ibrahim) who helped make the former deputy prime minister popular among the youths.

He added that as a student leader in the 70s, he organised many programmes and "promoted" Anwar.

"Demo here, demo there, organise this and that, bring him here and there to give his speeches – in that style of his -the new generation which does not know him, sees him on YouTube and gets excited," he said.

Ibrahim said he brought up the subject of Anwar because it appeared as though no one could challenge him.

Anwar seemed like an "extraordinary human being", but now has gone overboard in his mission.

"Then and now, Anwar continues to give others trouble. People suffer, he enjoys. He seems to have everything," Ibrahim lamented.

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He urged Anwar to repent as life on earth is too short.

When Ibrahim recalled that Anwar was his contemporary, adding that he knew the man "inside out", the crowd laughed and teased him.

However, Ibrahim replied jokingly that Anwar was not interested in him as he was the "fierce type" and did not have a "smooth forehead".

In his speech, Ibrahim also called on Perkasa members to engage with all communities for the betterment of society.

He added that Perkasa was not against anyone or any race but would defend the constitution if it were violated or altered.

He stressed that Perkasa would remain an NGO and will not turn into a political party, as its main struggle is to take up the people's issues.

He denied that Perkasa obtained funding from the government, saying that there were only small donations for seminars and training for those who organised the events at district level.

"If we had money, we would be meeting in Hotel Equatorial, eating king prawns and not here," he added, referring to Regional Center for Education and Mathematics, where the meeting was held.

Ibrahim also said Perkasa members were willing to meet with anyone to resolve the people's problems, adding that the NGO was not the type to go rallying like Bersih.

"But since they (the state) closed their doors, we had to climb gates," he joked.

"Criticising does not mean we are enemies and showing support does not mean we are instruments of others," he said.

According to State Perkasa chief, Fadzil Shuib, he had sent a letter to Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng seeking an engagement, but has yet to get a response.

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