

## **The Start Of A New Round Of Political Persecution Of Anwar Is Most Deplorable And Despicable**

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The start of another new round of political persecution of Parliamentary Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim is most deplorable and despicable and must be condemned by all right-thinking Malaysians.

The police calling up Anwar to give his statement with regard to the report lodged by a police officer DSP S. Shanmuga Moorthy claiming that Anwar had knowingly given him false information concerning the "Datuk T" sex tape and thereby committing an offence under Section 182 of the Penal Code (punishable by six-month jail or fine of RM2,000) is clearly politically-motivated and masterminded by the political masters of the police.

This is another example why the police have not been able to regain public confidence in its efficiency and integrity as an independent, impartial, professional and democratic police force which would not allow itself to become the catspaw and playthings of the "political masters" but would fully dedicated itself to its national mission to protect the personal safety and security of Malaysians and all persons in the country.

The Malaysian police will never be able to regain the confidence of the Malaysian people so long as they are forced to continue to "play the political game" of its political masters, as was very obvious in the police clampdown on the July 9 Bersih 2.0 peaceful rally for free and fair elections as well as in its gross misuse of powers in the Emergency Ordinance detention of Sungai Siput MP Dr. M Jeyakumar and the PSM activists.

The new round of political persecution of Anwar is also proof of the hollowness of Prime Minister Najib Razak's National Transformation Policy – exposing the sad fact and truth that Malaysia has a long way to go to restore and uphold the independence, integrity and professionalism of key national institutions in the country to ensure that they should always serve the highest national interests and not the myopic interests of the powers-of-the-day.

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