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People have voted for change, says Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR: People have voted for change and they do not want the same type of representatives, said PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said he was touched by the support by Malaysians regardless of race.

In the next few weeks, the Opposition will have to ensure that state governments are formed and its members of parlia-

ment and state assemblymen are well versed in the issues that they have committed to resolve, said Anwar.

"Politics in Malaysia is not going to be the same any more," he said, adding that people were expecting new clean faces to manage the states.

There were enough people of various races fighting corruption and poor governance, he said.

Anwar said the victory was not unexpected.

"On nomination day, we were aiming beyond the one-third but that was insurmountable to many people," he said.

"I thank my fellow Malaysians for their support.

"Today at the ballot box, you listened to your heart with firm conviction that the time for change has arrived," he said.

"This is a defining moment, unprecedented in our nation's history," he said, adding that the people had voted decisively for a new era where the Government must be truly inclusive and recognise all Malaysians, regardless of race, culture and religion.

Due to the shock to Umno and Barisan, Anwar said he had advised his supporters as well as PAS and DAP to remain calm.

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