

DATE: 15 / 3 / 2008

Anwar: I'll make sure plight of Malays not ignored

The Star 15/3/2008

PENANG: PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said that, being a Penangite, he will not allow the DAP-led state government to ignore the plight of Penang Malays.

Dismissing allegations that he was a traitor to the Malay race, Anwar said he would ensure that Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng stuck to his pledges and did not marginalise the Malays.

"Some irresponsible people are trying to fan the fire alleging that I have betrayed the Penang Malays whose plight was not looked into under the previous administration.

"We will not overlook the problems of Malay petty traders," he said after paying a courtesy call on Lim at the Chief Minister's office in Komtar yesterday.

"Those who made allegations against me actually want the Malays to feel uneasy so that they can fulfil their agenda," he said.

"These people are merely sore losers, he said, and urged them "not to stir up the hornets' nest."

Anwar said the DAP-PKR coalition state government would also ensure

that the welfare of Chinese and Indians were well taken care of and that the state government would take a new approach to help them.

"Give Guan Eng a chance to prove himself. He is only four days into the Chief Minister's post and people are already attacking him."

Anwar said both the DAP and PKR would outline programmes to bring Penang's economy to greater heights and eradicate poverty among the people.

On the delay in the appointment of Perak Mentri Besar, Anwar said the PKR, DAP and PAS had achieved an amicable agreement.

"We are now waiting for the swearing-in of the new Mentri Besar.

"I thank my colleagues for showing patience to resolve the matter. However, similar problems were also seen in Terengganu and Perlis."