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# Pakatan Rakyat ready to form federal govt, says Anwar

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Parti Keadilan Rakyat adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said last night Pakatan Rakyat (PR) is ready to form the central government and is waiting for the right time.

Speaking to supporters which police estimated at 7,000 at the Sultan Sulaiman sports Club in Kampung Baru at 9pm to celebrate the end of his five-year court-enforced ban from politics, he said PR now officially has 82 seats in the parliament (30 short of a simple majority).

"However, there are unofficially enough seats for us to form the federal government, and that with the consensus of the PR, PKR president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail may become the country's first woman prime minister".

Later at a press conference, he said PR has first to be sure it enjoys a comfortable majority before forming the government. "We have 'friends' (MPs) from Sabah and Sarawak, who are willing to join us for the sake of the country and people," he said.

Anwar also hinted there will be changes in the coming two weeks and that he has cancelled a trip to United Kingdom to meet investors.

Asked when he intends to enter the parliament, Anwar said before he decides to do so, he has to be sure that PR can rule the states effectively; that the alliance has become strong and stable; and that it enjoys a comfortable majority with the defections of MPs from Sabah and Sarawak.

Asked if PR has tried to "buy over" MPs from Sarawak and Sabah, he said such practice is an Umno culture that will never be tolerated in PR.

Kuala Lumpur police chief DCP Datuk Mohd Sabtu Osman, who called for a press conference at the city police headquarters

soon after the crowd was ordered to disperse at 10.30pm, said there were no untoward incidents in the gathering.

He said the crowd left the place peacefully under the watchful eyes of over 1,350 police personnel.

However, Mohd Sabtu said police may act against the organisers of the gathering for not following the programme which was made known to police.

"There was no dinner function as claimed by them except maybe for a handful of them. Although it was done on private grounds, it was still accessible to the public.

"As such, a police permit is required but they never did apply for one. We will examine facts and decide if action should be taken against them," he said.



Anwar speaking at the gathering at Sultan Sulaiman sports Club last night