

# Anwar: You will be punished

## No one, regardless of political ties, is above the law

**SEREMBAN:** No one, regardless of their political affiliation, will be spared from the law if they are in the wrong, said PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said this in urging the police to investigate the appearance of racist banners in Rantau, purportedly put up by Pakatan Harapan, and also into allegations that Barisan Nasional candidate Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan violated banking laws back in 2008.

"Let the police take action if it's true. It doesn't matter who is in the wrong, even if he comes from Pakatan, action must be taken.

"Just like the report that claimed Mohamad sent RM10mil to London, they must conduct an investigation," Anwar told reporters at Kampung Segar near here yesterday.

On Saturday, banners were put up in several areas around Rantau urging voters not to vote for a candidate of Indian descent.

There were accusations that an aide of Pakatan candidate Dr S. Streram was the mastermind behind the banners.

Anwar also referred to Mohamad's case 11 years ago whereby the latter allegedly violated banking laws by transferring RM10mil to London via a money changer.

Negri Sembilan Parti Amanah Nasional chairman Zulkefly Mohamad Omar brought up the matter during a ceramah on Saturday night, and questioned why the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) had not taken any action against Mohamad.

On his part, Mohamad, who was the Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar at the time, said the MACC and the



**Meeting the people:** Anwar having breakfast with Rantau folks before his walkabout with Dr Streram on Sunday.

Attorney General's Chambers had cleared him of any wrongdoing when he transferred the money to buy an asset in London in 2008.

"I've been proven innocent," he told reporters at the Barisan command centre here yesterday.

Meanwhile, Dr Streram's campaign manager Karunesh Uthaya Kumaran, 36, filed a police report on Saturday night about accusations that he was the one behind the racist banners.

Karunesh, a company director, believed that he was targeted because he was a staunch supporter of Dr Streram.

"They want to smear my image as a politician and businessman. I strongly deny any involvement.

"They should practise healthy politics and compete in the right manner. Don't slander those who are not at fault. If they have proof, then show it," he said.

Dr Streram said such allegations

were created by rivals to disrupt Pakatan's focus in the by-election.

"About the banner, I don't know who did it.

"I'm a professional, I don't hit below the belt to win," said the anaesthesiologist.

He said he was leaving it to the police to investigate.

"I hope that whoever is responsible would stop this and be a gentleman in this battle for the Rantau seat," said Dr Streram.