

Media should not try to stir the pot, says Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim says it is time the country stops pitting him against Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and start focusing on the people's hardship.

The PKR president said he would not be provoked by the media into a "rancorous exchange" with Dr Mahathir over any past issues.

"I will not entertain questions

from Malaysiakini, Malaysian Insight or *The Star* to engage in a rancorous exchange with Dr Mahathir," he said yesterday.

Anwar, who is also Port Dickson MP, said he and Dr Mahathir had decided to work together.

"The priority of Malaysia is not Anwar versus Mahathir, which some of you continue to harp on.

"Our interest is the economy.

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People are facing hardship. We must support the government in all measures necessary to alleviate the problems of the people," he said.

Anwar said this when asked to comment on the statement by Dr Mahathir in London that he had followed the rule of law when Anwar was convicted of sodomy, as he was tried in the courts.

On the ban on Israeli athletes

competing in the World Para Swimming Championship 2019 in Kuching, he said it was a way to convey Malaysia's strong position to Israel over its transgression against the Palestinians.

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