

# 'NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE NEVER RAISED IN PH'

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Anwar also quashes rumours that he sought audience with king yesterday

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**P**KR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said a vote of no-confidence against Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was never raised by any of its leaders following Pakatan Harapan's (PH) defeat in the Tanjung Piiai by-election.

Speaking in Parliament, Anwar said the issue of a no-confidence vote was raised by those who wanted to propose it.

"It has never been an issue for us. I call Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president), Mohamad Sabu (Parti Amanah Negara president), Lim Kit Siang (DAP adviser) and Lim Guan Eng (DAP secretary-general) on a daily basis.

"(But) we never talk about a no-confidence motion because the solidarity and cooperation among us in PH is strong."

On whispers that his deputy,

Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, who is economic affairs minister, was trying to form a new government through a backdoor deal, Anwar said he would not entertain rumours.

"I'm using the normal procedure to discuss with Dr Mahathir about anything.

"Many people said DAP has been using PKR, and I have been used by Muhyiddin, Mohamad, Guan Eng and Dr Mahathir, as well as by all Malaysians."

Anwar also dismissed claims that he had gone to Istana Negara for an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"Just ignore it. It is fake news. I am here (in Parliament) this morning."

Pressed if he could confirm that no effort had been made to meet Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah, Anwar replied "No".

"(But) I had an audience recently (Nov 16) at Istana Melawati (in



*Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim*

Putrajaya).

"We even posted it on Facebook. It is not a secret. I believe the viral text message was created by the powerless," he said.

Earlier, a text message purportedly sent by PKR communications director Fahmi Fadzil claiming that Anwar was at Istana Negara had gone viral.

Fahmi, in a press conference later, said the message circulating on social media since this morning was fake and intended to embarrass him.

"I wish to confirm that I did not circulate the message. That is a despicable, dirty and irresponsible act," he said.

Fahmi said he would be lodging a police report because his name had been used by irresponsible people for a political purpose.

