

# ANWAR SLAMS PN'S STANCE ON PM POST

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It's akin to disputing the authority and wisdom of the king, Federal Constitution, says PM

king had yet to end. "Nine Umno MPs had retracted their support for Muhyiddin, and GPS (Gabungan Parti Sarawak) stated that it would leave it to the wisdom of the king to decide.

Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi as deputy prime minister despite the latter facing a corruption case. Anwar said the government would not interfere with the judiciary.

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**P** RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has taken Perikatan Nasional (PN) to task for its continued questioning of his appointment as the prime minister, saying it is akin to disputing the authority of Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

Anwar said his appointment was made based on the wisdom of the king and the Federal Constitution. This explanation, he said, was necessary to clear up any confusion over the chronology of the prime minister's appointment following the 15th General Election (GE15).

"(PN chairman) Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had earlier claimed that he had the support of 115 members of parliament even though the 2pm deadline for the submission of names to the

"Therefore, the overall support for Muhyiddin had come under question and this was conveyed to the Conference of Rulers, which then made the unanimous decision to decide on the candidate for the new prime minister," he said.

Anwar said it was not right for anyone to question his validity as prime minister.

"I feel that everyone must accept the fact and not question or dispute the power and wisdom of the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong," he said.

Anwar was speaking after chairing a special cabinet meeting in Putrajaya yesterday.

The prime minister also addressed criticism over appointing



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prime minister

He said those who question the Barisan Nasional chairman's appointment should be prepared to be truly transparent.

"Some leaders talk about kleptocracy. Let me explain that kleptocracy means a system that allows leaders to steal.

"It should not be confined to any particular person in the system. It's interesting that those who have been using this kleptocracy situation are those who are very much compromised in many of these big dealings, benefiting their sons, children

or in-laws.

"I trust and am confident that my cabinet team will follow strict rules as well as practise good governance," he said.