

'ANWAR GIVEN ONLY RM1 A YEAR'

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Selangor govt says it was 'symbolic token' for his role as state economic adviser



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THE Selangor government has refuted claims that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was paid RM15 million during his tenure as the state's economic adviser.

Political secretary to Selangor Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari, Juwairiya Zulkifli, said Anwar was only paid RM1 a year as a "symbolic token" for his role as the state's economic adviser.

"The allegation is a repetition of slander that has already been denied. Anwar was not paid nor did he receive any allowance or privilege payment other than the RM1 (a year) salary.

"Anwar's salary is recorded in the state's assembly hansard," she said yesterday.

Last night, Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, at a campaign event

in Padang Serai, claimed that Anwar received RM15 million from the Selangor government when he was the state's economic adviser.

Juwairiya said Muhyiddin's claim showed that PN was getting desperate in its election campaign after failing to form the federal government.

"Making these slanderous and false allegations to trick the people is very irresponsible and do not reflect the Malay-Islamic politics they (PN) advocate.

"I believe the prime minister should take action against them to stop such defamatory statements from being repeated," said the Bukit Melawati assemblyman.

Anwar was appointed Selangor economic adviser in 2009 when the late Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim was menteri besar.

He continued in the role when Datuk Seri Azmin Ali became menteri besar in 2014 and even after he was jailed over sodomy charges in 2015.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (seated, centre) chairing a cabinet meeting in Putrajaya yesterday. With him are Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (second from left) and Transport Minister Anthony Loke (left). PIC TAKEN FROM ANWAR'S FACEBOOK