

# Unwise to challenge govt over RM600b, Anwar tells Muhyiddin

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim cautioned Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin against challenging his government on the issue of the RM600 billion fund allegedly misappropriated under the latter's administration.

The premier said yesterday based on information obtained, there were some processes and procedures that were not followed by the PN government, and that there were companies with interest "involving families".

"So, don't challenge me. I want to focus on governing the country, driving economic growth and providing welfare to the people.

"But once we are challenged, we will have to look into things," said Anwar in his first media conference as finance minister.

On Monday, Muhyiddin told a media conference after delivering a speech at the PN Grand Finale talk in conjunction with the polls for the Padang Serai parliamentary seat that Anwar should investigate the matter pertaining to the RM600 billion fund before making any statements.

Anwar, who is Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman, said Muhyiddin's statement was misleading.

"It is as if the government spent so much money for the people, (but) a large amount is actually EPF (Employees Provident Fund) money, which belongs to the people. I commented on this two years ago in Parliament.

"The people thought the government was spending so much (for them). Now he (Muhyiddin) has admitted, actually, it was not the government's money because the money is EPF money and money belonging to banks through the moratorium.

"But there are other tens of billions of ringgit, which goes to show there is a violation of the rules."

On PAS secretary-general Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan's statement asking the prime minister to provide evidence that PN had received funding from gaming companies for the recent general election, Anwar advised him not to be hasty in issuing statements on the matter.

"Don't be hasty because I am now the finance minister, I have the file," he said.

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