

**“ENRICHING EX-PM, FAMILY”**

# **ANWAR SAYS HE WILL FURNISH PROOF TO DR M**

**This is over ex-PM's  
apology demand for  
alleged defamatory  
speech at PKR  
special congress**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim says he will provide evidence of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad exploiting his position to benefit himself and his family when the latter was in power.

“I don't want to fight. He asked for proof, so I will furnish him with the proof. No problem,” he said at a dialogue with Universiti Teknologi Mara Student Representative Council members at its main campus here yesterday.

He said this in reply to a ques-

tion from a student leader.

Dr Mahathir had recently given Anwar seven days to retract a statement the latter had made during the PKR special congress on March 18, in which he accused the former of exploiting his position to benefit himself and his family during his tenure as the prime minister.

In a letter of demand served to Anwar recently, Dr Mahathir demanded that the Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman and PKR president issue a written apology and hold a special press conference to apologise for making such a statement.

Dr Mahathir, who is the country's longest-serving prime minister, had described the statement by Anwar as defamatory.

During the special congress, Anwar had referred to someone “who in the past had been in power for 22 years and an additional 22 months” as taking advantage of his position to enrich himself and his family.

Anwar, who did not specify any name during his speech, also said

this person had complained about the Malays losing everything when he was no longer in power.

In today's dialogue, Anwar said although Dr Mahathir's governance had its strengths, he had also caused much damage. He also criticised Dr Mahathir for always portraying the Malays as lazy, forgetful and ungrateful.

“This is not true, as which race has no lazy, forgetful and ungrateful individuals? Every race has them,” he said, adding that there were also many distinguished Malay figures and thinkers.

Present were Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, secretary-general Datuk Seri Abdul Razak Jaafar, UiTM board of directors' chairman Professor Emeritus Datuk Dr Raduan Che Ros and Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr Roziah Mohd Janor.

*Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at a dialogue session in Universiti Teknologi Mara, Shah Alam, yesterday.*