

'UNITY GOVT INITIATIVES ARE FOR ALL RACES'

Refuting claims of bias, PM says govt is inclusive and has never sidelined any race

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THE unity government has never sidelined any race in the country and all initiatives and poli-

cies introduced are inclusive, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

In refuting claims by some parties that the unity government was biased, he said assistance and initiatives will be enjoyed by every level of the rakyat, without preference for race or religion.

He said the government did not have much money, but was committed to truly serving the people without any vested interest, so that whatever money the government has can be used to help the people.

"The money the government has is not much. But because we do not swindle or use it for our personal interest, the Almighty blesses us with money to assist the rakyat.

"Whether you like it or not, whether you support it or not, the principle of supporting every single citizen in this country will never change," he said at the Unity Tour for the Selangor state election in Semenyih, near here, on Tuesday night.

Anwar said government initia-

tives introduced for all races in the country include efforts to eradicate poverty, especially hardcore poverty.

He said while the unity government was fully committed to eradicating hardcore poverty, some Pas members of parliament chided the efforts.

"Pas MPs claim that since we are the government, we can solve poverty.

"They forget that even the administration of Khalifah Umar Abdul Aziz took two years and three months to solve poverty.

"I am very firm on this issue because I have directed that this year all government machinery, ministers and agencies must work hard to end hardcore poverty in the country."

In **Selangor**, Anwar said the state election campaign was the best platform for political leaders to determine their party's roadmap and was not a stage to slander their opponents.

He said the people and voters were mature and wise enough to evaluate everything political leaders say to assess whether what they said would benefit the people and the country or otherwise.

He said he was not bothered by insults, but would not condone efforts to fool the people, especially by Perikatan Nasional leaders, whom he claimed had started spreading lies to conceal their failures when they were administering the country.

"During campaigning, Muhyiddin (PN chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin) says every day that Anwar is stupid and doesn't know how the economy works.

"That is what he says, but I am not concerned. Everyone knows what I do is for the development of the country's economy and wellbeing.

"I remind Muhyiddin that there is no point in insulting others. This is not the time.

"I want you (Muhyiddin) and Pas to state what you all did during your time in the government and what you all want to do for the people now," he said at the Unity Tour for the Selangor state election in Tanjung Sepat, near here.

Present were Pakatan Harapan and Barisan Nasional candidates Borhan Aman Shah (Tanjung Sepat), Noorazli Said (Dengkil) and Lwi Kian Keong (Sungai Pelek).

Anwar reminded Selangor voters that the state polls was the best platform for the people to choose representatives from parties that have policies to help the people and ensure the state's prosperity.

He urged the people, especially voters in the three state seats under the Sepang parliamentary constituency, to show that they would not make mistakes when voting and would pick the party that would ensure their future, instead of a party that had fooled the people, played up racial and religious issues and insulted royalty.

"I want every voter to support candidates from PH and BN to prove to Pas and Bersatu that the people are wise and can assess candidates and parties that have the people's interests at heart.

"Let us work hard. I want big wins in all seats contested. We will ensure a knock-out blow to Bersatu and Pas in the state election." **Bernama**