

# PM: FIGHT GRAFT CASES IF TRULY INNOCENT

Anwar slams PN stand on corruption, citing MACC hunt for Muhyiddin's kin

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has told Perikatan Nasional leaders under investigation for graft to fight their case if they are truly innocent.

Taking a swipe at some PN leaders, he said they fled when the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) came after them.

He cited PN chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's son-in-law as an example.

"It was reported yesterday (on Monday that Muhyiddin's son-in-law has gone missing). If he is innocent, why run away? If you did nothing wrong, fight your case," he said during a get-together with Sungai Bakap folk here.

Speaking to newsmen later, Anwar said PN's claims of being clean were far from the truth.

"Even the son-in-law of its prime minister candidate (in the last election) ran away. How can that be? If there is proof, investigate and prosecute," he said.

"If he feels he is innocent, he should defend himself. Running away is not good as the amount involved is huge. So, PN cannot claim to be clean as it, too, is involved in (scandals)."

On Monday, MACC said it was tracking down two men, including Muhyiddin's son-in-law Datuk Muhammad Adlan Berhan, to assist in its investigations into corruption and embezzlement in the registration, recruitment and storage of foreign workers' biometric data at a ministry. Checks with the Immigration Department revealed that both left the country in May.

Muhyiddin had strongly denied any involvement in the awarding of a lucrative government contract to a company supposedly linked to his son-in-law, saying the report was a malicious lie.

In **Parit Buntar**, Anwar again went on the warpath against allegedly corrupt former leaders.

He said he could forgive any-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has gone on the warpath against Perikatan Nasional leaders, saying he will not condone or forgive any form of corruption. PIC BY L. MANIMARAN

## PM to meet China foreign minister

**NIBONG TEBAL:** Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi is expected to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in Penang on Friday.

Anwar, who revealed this at a get-together with the people of Sungai Bakap here, said Wang had wanted to meet him in Putrajaya.

"I told him I am busy and I will be in Penang. So, he agreed to meet me here (in Penang)."

Anwar earlier told the crowd that Malaysia was being looked upon highly by foreign investors and leaders of other countries.

one who had treated him harshly when he was detained and jailed, but had no right to forgive those who took what belonged to the people.

He said he would ensure anyone who abused their powers and position, including those with familial ties to influential people, and caught stealing assets belonging to the people would be arrested, prosecuted and imprisoned. Anwar did not mention any names, but it was clear he was referring to Adlan.

"Now, MACC is looking for the son-in-law of a former prime minister. Imagine, you take hundreds of millions of ringgit and MACC wants to investigate you before being called to the court.

"Then you use this money to run away. Meanwhile, your family (member) is being positioned as a prime minister candidate.

"When you have the power, you took land, timber, stocks, and you gave contracts (through direct negotiations). You took away

Anwar also told Pakatan Harapan-Barisan Nasional candidates for the state elections to deliver a convincing win.

"I don't want only a win. I want a convincing win, more so for Sungai Bakap.

"This is because Sungai Bakap is dear to me as I was born here. Even the current Penang Yang di-Pertua Negeri was born here.

"We also have a senior minister from Nibong Tebal here."

He said it was important for the state and federal governments to have a good relationship, which will benefit the people.

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Anwar said the people's acceptance of the Pakatan Harapan-Barisan Nasional pact was much higher than last year, when the unity government was formed.

"What is important is that the state elections are fast approaching. We will judge this based on the people's decision.

"But from what I see, there is a rise of acceptance of PH and BN now compared with 2022. People's responses are far better."

He was asked about predictions by political analysts and observers who said state elections would result in the status quo maintained in the six states.

Before their assemblies were dissolved, Penang, Selangor and Negeri Sembilan were administered by PH, and Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu by PN.

Voters in the six states will go to the polls on Aug 12.