

# PM: DO AWAY WITH COMMISSIONS

Developers told to stop practice of giving millions to ministers, parties for project approvals

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**T**HE “unbreakable” practice of developers giving commissions of millions of ringgit to ministers and political parties to get approvals for projects must end.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said it was vital to fight the “disgusting” practice, adding that if it is allowed to continue, the country will be destroyed.

He said developers could make profits, but they should not be giving commissions to enrich certain individuals and parties.

“Do not make cuts of RM10 million, RM15 million to ministers and (political) parties, like practiced before. This is damaging.

“I understand many are angry with me. But ask any developer in the Federal Territories whether I am right or wrong. Am I exaggerating or am I telling the truth?”

“Without exception, all said yes (to giving commissions). It has been a practice and they have done so.

“I told them we have to stop this nonsense.

“The RM10 million, RM15 million commission should benefit the rakyat,” said Anwar in his speech at the groundbreaking of Residensi Prihatin and Madani Food Court in Desa Tasik, Sungai Besi here.

Present were Bandar Tun Razak member of parliament Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Chief



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, watching a presentation at the groundbreaking for Residensi Wilayah and Madani Food Court in Sungai Besi yesterday. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

Anwar, who oversees the Federal Territories Department, said he once put a halt to new projects.

“I did not want the old practice to persist, where when there are changes to a plot ratio or certain approvals, there were links to politics and political gains.

“But when drafting the Kuala Lumpur Structure Plan 2040, we decided it (new projects) can proceed as long as the strict conditions are fulfilled.

“You want to build skyscrapers, mass (housing) projects, go ahead but it must be balanced with medium cost and people’s housing. And there must be green spaces as well as food courts for the people.”

He said he was baffled by a

WhatsApp message that is allegedly from a city council officer in Selangor who complained about calls for the practice of giving commissions to cease.

“The officer said my emphasis on no more commissions stopped him from trying to *can makan*. But he has a salary.

“He must know there are thousands of people waiting to get housing.

“I am supportive of developers, but they have to accept that the unity government will not compromise (with misconduct) and they must adhere to green requirements, fields and provide people’s housing.”

On another matter, Anwar took a swipe at Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, telling him to focus on his court cases instead of repeatedly calling for the prime minister to

step down.

“PH retained three states and we (unity government parties) still have two-thirds majority in Parliament.

“What is he thinking about? I advise him to focus on his court cases.”

On Saturday, Muhyiddin called for Anwar and Deputy Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi to resign following the six state elections results.

Muhyiddin said PN’s performance in the polls — winning 146 out of 245 state seats — showed the people rejected the unity government.

PH and BN, which cooperated in the state elections for the first time, retained Selangor, Negeri Sembilan and Penang, while PN retained Kelantan, Terengganu and Kedah.