

Govt not biased towards any race: PM

SEMENYIH: The unity government has never sidelined any race in the country, but has ensured that all initiatives and policies introduced are inclusive and meant for all races, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Refuting claims by some parties that the unity government is biased, Anwar said assistance and initiatives by the government would be enjoyed by every level of society, without preference for any race or religion.

He said the government does not have much money but remains committed to truly serving the people without any vested interests so that whatever money it has can be used to assist the people.

"The money that the government has is not much. But because we do not swindle or use it for personal interests, there is still a blessing from the almighty Allah SWT to use the money to assist the people.

"I stress this, whether you like it or not, whether you support us or

not, we will never change our position of supporting every single citizen in this country," he said in Semenyih, Kajang on Tuesday during the "Unity Tour" held in conjunction with the Selangor elections.

He said one of the initiatives introduced for all races in the country is the government's effort to eradicate hardcore poverty.

He added that while the unity government is fully committed to assisting the people in eradicating hardcore poverty, there are PAS

MPs who chide such efforts.

"MPs from PAS claim that since we have the government, we can solve the issue of poverty. They forget that even the administration of Khalifah Umar Abdul Aziz took two years and three months to solve the problems of poverty.

"I am very firm on the issue and I have directed that this year, all government machinery, ministers and agencies must work hard to put a complete stop to the issue of hardcore poor in the country."
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