

Assurance on Islam

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has said he will ensure that Islam continues to be upheld as the religion of the federation, apart from providing sufficient allocations for the organisation of Islamic knowledge programmes.

He also gave an assurance that the rights of non-Muslim would be preserved, and they would always be treated with respect and have a comfortable life.

"I will assure and continue to reiterate here in this country, while Islam is the religion of the federation, I will continue to defend the faith,

> It will be upheld as religion of federation, non-Muslims treated with respect: PM

uphold the religion, continue to promote Islam and provide enough allocation and support for training, understanding and implementing Islamic programmes," he said.

Anwar was speaking when officiating at the 63rd Malaysian International Al-Quran

Recitation and Memorisation Assembly (MTHQA) at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur on Saturday night.

He said the level of Islamophobia present in the world is due to certain parties who have superficial thoughts about Islam,

Bernama reported.

"That is why on the incident of burning of the Quran in Sweden, apart from condemning it, I decided to order the publication of one million (copies of the) Quran in all languages, including Swedish, to be distributed in Malaysia and the rest of the world. Fifteen thousand Al-Qurans have been sent to Sweden to be distributed to universities and study centres so that they can evaluate and read, and for me, for the government, this move is more reasonable to give them an understanding (of Islam)."

