

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH PM**

# 'HOW ARE WE A LESS MALAY, ISLAMIC GOVT?'

Anwar: Madani - administration has always protected Bumiputera rights, the way of Islam

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has questioned critics of the unity government, who have characterised it as a less Malay and Islamic government.

During a special interview "Setahun Bersama Kerajaan Madani: Tiwikrama Perdana Menteri", he said that the government had demonstrated the importance of protecting the rights of the Malay Bumiputera on numerous occasions, including the corruption involving the Jana Wibawa programme, which should have benefitted the Bumiputera.

He also said the government had empowered the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to act against any parties, regardless of race or religion, who had amassed wealth illegally.



*A screenshot of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking in the 'Setahun Bersama Kerajaan Madani: Tiwikrama Perdana Menteri' interview on Tuesday. PIC FROM SOCIAL MEDIA*

He further clarified that the constitutional challenges to syariah law in Selangor and Kelantan were based on the Sultan of Selangor and the Conference of Rulers.

"Where have we shown that we are less Malay?"

"But they (critics) were saying we are challenging God's law.

"They speak about Islam, but are clearly lying," he said on Tuesday night.

Anwar said such a narrative would cause division among the people and that steps must be taken to ensure it did not continue.

He said the intense hostility displayed was risky for such a deep and powerful narrative against the government.

However, he also admitted that the government should improve its communications as well when addressing such sensitive issues.

"It is not easy when speaking about religion.

"But I find it strange that there are parties which claim they can guarantee heaven if they (people) follow them.

"This is as if our efforts were not visible."