

'GOVT TO RESTORE CIVIL SERVICE GLORY'

Excessive political interference has led to govt workers being sidelined, says PM

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THE government wants to restore the glory of the civil service by eliminating political interference.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said excessive political interference in the past had resulted in the sidelining of civil servants in the country's economic development.

"There was a time in the past when the leadership in the civil service was entrusted to oversee major responsibilities, including the development of mega projects and economic initiatives.

"However, excessive political interference and overreach in public administration and policies had sidelined civil servants, diverting attention to external consultants at costs amounting to millions.

"The Madani government has pledged to reinstate the status and dignity of civil servants through reforms and a paradigm shift. This will require full support from all levels of the civil service," he said in a statement on Facebook after attending the "Malam Sumbangan Kasih" event with the Administrative and Diplomatic Officers Alumni (Alumni PTD) on Wednesday night.

Present were Chief Secretary to



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arriving at the "Malam Sumbangan Kasih" event with the Administrative and Diplomatic Officers Alumni in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday night. BERNAMA PIC

the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Public Service Department director-general Datuk Seri Dr Zulkapli Mohamed.

In his speech at the event, Anwar said the government aimed to enhance the aspects of integrity and skills of civil servants.

"In my message at the event, I conveyed the government's wish to restore the glory and strength

of the civil service by enhancing the aspects of integrity, skills and the image of this service."

Anwar said as a starting point for reforms, a comprehensive study on the civil service system would be conducted, with an emphasis on aspects that had been neglected due to relentless political clashes in the past.

"This study does not merely re-

volve around issues of salaries, allowances and benefits for civil servants, but also touches on enhancing the capabilities, quality, professionalism and integrity of civil servants.

"Undoubtedly, this aspiration can only be fulfilled with political stability and astuteness."

Anwar also expressed hope that these efforts would eliminate

weaknesses in the civil service, such as decline in governance and the systemic spread of corruption.

"I also announced an allocation of RM500,000 to the Alumni PTD Foundation as a token of appreciation for the sacrifices and dedicated service of the PTD group, especially those who have retired."