



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim leaving after performing Friday prayers at Surau Al-Kauthar in Bangi yesterday. Anwar says the opposition does not understand the Constitution. PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

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ANY PM CANDIDATE WILL BE MALAY, SAYS ANWAR

Opposition taken to task for riling up community on non-Malay PM issue instead of focusing on economy

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P RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim told the opposition to understand the Federal Constitution first before stirring up issues on whether Malaysia could have a non-Malay prime minister.

He called it an attempt by the opposition to rile up the Malay community.

He said the opposition was making an issue out of nothing, like when they raised questions over a possible electoral boundary redelineation exercise.

“They do not understand the

Constitution. The Constitution allows for a review (redelineation) by the end of 2026.

“Why are they harping on this? Why not look for ways to improve the economy and to ease the burden of the people instead?”

“Aren’t they tired (of raising unnecessary issues)?”

Anwar said there was no need to amend the Constitution and that the prime minister’s post had always been held by a Malay.

“Since Merdeka, the candidate has always been Malay. After this, candidates from the government will be Malay and even from the opposition, they will be Malay, too.

“It is important to preserve the rights of all people, from all eth-

nicities and all constituencies, he said after performing Friday prayers at the Surau Al-Kauthar here yesterday.

He was responding to a challenge from Parti Pribumi Bersatu Youth chief Wan Ahmad Fayhsal Wan Ahmad Kamal for the government to amend the Constitution to ensure only a Malay can become prime minister.

Wan Ahmad Fayhsal’s proposal came after DAP stalwart Tan Sri Lim Kit Siang said the Constitution does not prevent non-Malays from becoming prime minister.

Lim was questioned by the police over his remarks.

On warnings from health authorities about rising Covid-19 cases, Anwar said Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad had advised people to be cautious.

“The situation is not serious, but we have to be careful.”