

# PM: Govt not protecting those involved in major graft

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Do not interfere, let the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) carry out its investigations without fear or favour.

That was the response by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim when asked to comment on the MACC's seizure of Ilham Tower on Thursday — a building reportedly owned by the family of former finance minister Tun Daim Zainuddin.

Anwar said MACC and the country's judicial system must demonstrate that they were brave enough to investigate and take action against individuals and groups involved in any form of corruption.

"Let MACC carry out its duties. As I said on numerous occasions, all individuals, including those with 'Tun' and 'Tan Sri' titles, will not escape probe (if they are involved in corruption).

"I do not want people to accuse us (the government or the authorities) of only going after the small fry but not the big fish.

"And I do not want them (those involved in graft) to think they are untouchable by using their influence and the media, especially social media," he said after performing Friday prayers at the Kota Damansara Mosque here yesterday.

Anwar said he did not want the people to criticise his administration for not being able to take action against those with positions who were involved in corruption.

"If it is a big secret that this person has been allegedly, involved in embezzling large amounts of wealth... let them be investigated.

"I do not want people to assume that we are protecting those in-

volve in major graft."

Anwar also urged all quarters to avoid making unnecessary assumptions on the MACC's investigation into the case.

"Do not jump to any conclusion that there must be a (political) scheme whenever someone with position is being investigated.

"If they really had committed the offence or otherwise, let the investigation take its course," he said.