

'DON'T JUMP THE GUN'

# SPEECH TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT, SAYS ANWARX

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**D**ATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reprimanded a freelance Islamic preacher for taking his remark out of context from a speech he made during a monthly assembly at the Prime

Minister's Department in Putrajaya early this month.

Without identifying the individual, he advised the person to listen to the full context of his speech, not jump the gun or avoid interpreting his statement in a political manner.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said all parties should check the facts and understand the entirety of his speech before coming to their own conclusion and dispersing it to the public.

"When the matter (his speech made during the monthly assembly) was asked to the ustaz from Terengganu, he proceeded to discuss and interpreted it without listening (to



*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari (left) having lunch at Nasi Ayam Warisan KD in Kota Damansara, Kuala Lumpur before Friday prayers yesterday. PIC BY SADIQ SANI*

the full speech).

"Based on the piece of remark, he went on and accused top leaders in the country of being 'jahil' (extreme ignorance) and confused.

"You should read and understand the context (of my speech in its entirety).

"Avoid jumping to conclusions based on your political sentiments," he said here yesterday.

Anwar added that the freelance preacher should have also verified his speech, saying that he is "willing to be reprimanded" if he is in the wrong.

Earlier, Anwar and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari joined thousands in congregation to perform the Friday prayers at the Kota Damansara Mosque, Petaling Jaya near here.

Before the prayers, the leaders spent about 30 minutes meeting the people and having lunch at the Nasi Ayam Warisan KD in Kota Damansara here.

Also present were Kota Damansara state assemblyman Muhammad Izuan Ahmad Kasim as well as former Selangor PKR vice-chairman and former Sungai Buloh member of parliament R. Sivarasa.