

ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Take immediate action to correct irregularities, urges PM

PUTRAJAYA: Enforcement agencies should take immediate action against irregularities regardless of position and ideology, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

The finance minister said efforts to correct irregularities, such as the issue of looting of finances, always received extraordinary opposition from various quarters.

"There is use of race in the name of Malays, there is use of Islam, and without investigating, without listening to reports from the investigators of the enforcement agencies they say this is political persecution and so on.

"We take action based on the facts and laws, not manipulate," he said at a Finance Ministry assembly here.

Previously, he had said the unity government did not interfere in the affairs of investigative and enforcement bodies, including in

the investigation conducted by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission against Parti Pribumi Bersatu.

Such bodies and the judiciary were free to conduct their respective investigations, he said.

He added that all parties needed to be determined to bring about change to steer the country to a better direction despite receiving strong objections from the wealthy and powerful.

Anwar said he did not want Malaysia to be embroiled in corruption or abuse of power, but instead focus on practicing good governance.

He said cabinet ministers were also determined to not allow past unhealthy practices and cultures to continue.

"Thus approving contracts and projects that do not comply with the rules in terms of good governance is no longer applicable.