

PM REVEALS FORMER MINISTERS' HYPOCRISY

They committed irregularities, but now act like they are protectors of Malays, Islam'

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has disclosed the existence of a file revealing damning information about former Umno ministers who defected prior to the 15th General Election (GE15).

Anwar, who is Pakatan Harapan chairman, said the file contained evidence of irregularities committed by the former ministers when they were in office.

"Despite this, they now portray themselves as virtuous individuals." He said this at the Jelajah Madani event and launch of the state election machinery in Guar Chempedak near here on Saturday night.

He called on the Pakatan Harapan-Barisan Nasional machinery to counter Perikatan Nasional's narrative that they were the protectors of Malays and Muslims.

"They claim to be the guardians of Malays, but Bersatu stole from Jana Wibawa projects meant to help Bumiputera contractors and gave them to the Chinese," he said, referring to PN component party Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia.

"But the *pak lebai* (in Pas) shouts *takbir* in support of Bersatu."

He cautioned the former Umno



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the Jelajah Madani event in Guar Chempedak on Saturday. PIC BY SYAHARIM ABIDIN

ministers who are now in the opposition, reminding them that the false accusations they make about Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and himself were mere pretence.

He emphasised the need for introspection.

"Former ministers, please take a hard look at yourself in the mirror. I received a text message from one of you once, asking me to stop talking about corruption and governance and focus on my work."

He highlighted his collaborative efforts with stakeholders like Tesla chief executive officer Elon Musk, Hong Kong tycoon Richard Lee and Saudi Aramco to attract investments.

He credited the accomplishments to teamwork between ministers, government departments and ambassadors to boost the economy.

He said the former minister unfairly portrayed the government's efforts as insufficient, while presenting himself as a champion of Islam and Malays.

"Look at yourself in the mirror, examine your track record, consider the amount of land you acquired and distributed and ponder over your extravagant actions."

He stressed the importance of purging Umno of these former ministers, saying that their presence was incongruous with the unity government.

"I have examined the file. These former Umno ministers should not be given any opportunities. Although they appear righteous, I have seen their records and files, and it is truly disgraceful."

He said Umno should rid itself of such dishonest individuals, labelling them as crooks who must be removed.