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AMIRUDIN STAYS AS SELANGOR MB IF PH WINS, SAYS ANWAR

PH chairman lauds caretaker MB's administration of state, high-value investments

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PAKATAN Harapan has nominated Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari to be retained as the Selangor menteri besar should it win the state polls.

PH chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Amirudin had done a good job administering the state, which saw high-value investments.

"The latest (of these investments is) Elon Musk has agreed to set up Tesla (Inc) headquarters in Cyberjaya (in the Sepang dis-

trict). This is the first official announcement on this. He (Amirudin) is also shocked," he said at the state-level Sentuhan Agro Madani programme at MSeKin Wonderland here.

Amirudin said he was honoured by the trust given to him and pledged to continue working hard for the state.

"This is the first time I'm hearing about it (being retained as Selangor menteri besar). We will work hard in the state election and it must be reflected in significant wins."

The Selangor PH chairman was sworn in as the 16th Selangor menteri besar at Istana Alam Shah on June 19, 2018 after winning the Sungai Tua state seat.

He was 38 when he took the oath of office before Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

The Election Commission has fixed Aug 12 as polling day and July 29 as nomination day for the elections in six states.

A total of 245 state seats will be



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (centre) visiting a booth at the state-level Sentuhan Agro Madani programme at MSeKin Wonderland in Sungai Besar yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

contested — 56 in Selangor, 36 in Kedah, 45 in Kelantan, 32 in Terengganu, 40 in Penang and 36 in Negri Sembilan.

Anwar said the prosecution of caretaker Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor under the Sedition Act was appropriate as it involved the royal institution, which must be upheld and protected.

He urged all quarters to respect the court process and reminded the people against resorting to unhealthy political debates.

"Let the due process (run its course). Police have conducted investigations and the attorney-general made the call (to prosecute). I do not wish to interfere and ask that the people study the charge."

Anwar said the police report was lodged by the Selangor Council of the Royal Court against Sanusi.

He said it would have been a different matter if the seditious statement had been made against the prime minister, in which case the Sedition Act might not be applicable.

He dismissed Pendang member of parliament Datuk Awang Hashim's claim that the move to charge Sanusi in court was politically motivated.

"The Pendang MP is known to make comments that would not

really shock us, but (in this instance) we have to see who had lodged the report, the Council of the Royal Court.

"Then we have to look at the sultan of Selangor's decree that the case was not resolved (even after Sanusi's apology to the ruler). So I think (we) follow due process."

Sanusi earlier pleaded not guilty to making seditious remarks against the sultan of Selangor.

Sanusi, during a Perikatan Nasional ceramah in Selayang, was reported to have belittled the appointment of Amirudin as MB by the sultan of Selangor.

Sanusi cited comparisons between the sultan of Kedah (Al-Aminul Karim Sultan Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah) and the sultan of Selangor in appointing Amirudin as menteri besar, which he labelled as "cokia" (substandard).

Following this, he sent a "warkah" (letter) to Sultan Sharafuddin to explain his remarks and apologise to the sultan after police reports were lodged against him.

At least 57 police reports have been lodged against Sanusi.

The Selangor Royal Office later issued a statement saying Sultan Sharafuddin had decreed that Sanusi's remarks were an insult to the royal institution.

