

PM RUBBISHES SANUSI'S PLOT CLAIM

Caretaker Kedah MB claims his arrest was planned six months ago

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DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim has brushed aside allegations of political intrigue and plots by caretaker Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor.

"We know him well," was Anwar's response when asked to comment on Sanusi's claims that his arrest was a "plot" that took shape six months ago.

The prime minister labelled Sanusi as an individual known for his "new theories".

"I need not elaborate because this is a police matter.

"We know how he is, and every

day, he will come up with a new theory," Anwar said after the Majlis Ramah Mesra Bersama Warga Felda event here.

In a ceramah in Kuala Ketil on Saturday night, Sanusi claimed that the plot to arrest him and undermine his credibility was plotted six months ago.

This is despite the fact that he was arrested for comments he made only weeks ago.

The Perikatan Nasional election director said his claims were based on information he received from a friend, who had warned him that action would be taken against him following his criticism of some quarters.

"The plot to arrest me was planned six months ago. I already knew (about it). I have my own 'intel'. I met this person, who warned me to watch out for people who wanted to do (something) to me.

"For security reasons, I always keep a gun in the car. There are two cartridges — 14 bullets per cartridge. I am on alert 24 hours a day. However, if people don't do bad things (to me), I don't do bad



Caretaker Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor claims his arrest is meant to undermine his credibility, PIC BY S.VAHARIM ABIDIN

things (to them).

"It has been six months since the warning was given. (They say) the most important thing is to get me in handcuffs, kill my morale and make me lose my credibility.

"After that, people will not listen to my ceramah any more as I've been humiliated."

He was arrested at 3am on Tuesday.

He was charged in two courts in Selangor for making seditious re-

marks against the sultan of Selangor.

Sanusi said he was disappointed that his request to obtain copies of the two charge sheets was denied by the prosecutors after the court proceedings.

"I respect the police force. Don't blame the cops because they are only doing their job based on orders from their superiors, right up to the minister. The reason for the arrest is to undermine my credibility.

"I was slapped with two charges, but the charge sheets were not given to me. They were only read out to me when I pleaded not guilty.

"The prosecutor said I could obtain the charge sheets online, but then, they went viral. All these are meant to embarrass me.

"I declare that I will raise my hands against Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim," he said, adding that there was nothing wrong with him going up against Anwar as they were both political opponents. **Additional reporting by M. Hifzuddin Ikhsan**