

I will not oppress anyone, says prime minister

TANJONG KARANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has stressed that no one, including individuals from opposition parties, will be oppressed.

He said he knows how life is in prison, and will not arbitrarily use his powers.

"Whether they are from PAS or Bersatu, I will not oppress them because I know how miserable it is to be cooped up in prison," Anwar said at the Tanjong Karang Unity Maal Hijrah 1445 celebration in Kampung Raja Musa.

The event was also attended by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

He was speaking in reference to Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor, 48, being charged in two Selayang Sessions Courts on Tuesday with inciting the public at a political talk last week through his remarks on the appointment of Amirudin as Selangor menteri besar and the establishment of the

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unity government.

The Perikatan Nasional election director pleaded not guilty to both charges, which were read out separately before Judge Nor Rajiah Mat Zin and Judge Osman Affendi Mohd Shalleh.

Muhammad Sanusi was alleged to have uttered words that could lead to discontent or disaffection among the subjects of a Ruler.

On another matter, Anwar said youngsters must have the understanding to drive change in the country, as done by Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) companion Ali Abi Talib, who played a major role in the migration of Muslims from Mecca to Madinah.

"Young people must not only wave flags and shout.

"Follow with understanding.

If asked whether you agree to support Anwar or Pakatan Harapan and Barisan Nasional, let it be with understanding."

Meanwhile in Kuala Lumpur, Anwar again urged Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to apologise for the slanderous statements made against him over the debt waiver scheme for Felda settlers.

In a brief statement issued yesterday, Anwar said he is releasing part of the Assignment for Financial Service Reserve Account 1 (FSRA) agreement documents pertaining to a government guarantee for Felda, which he signed as finance minister.

The three pages of the FSRA agreement showed that it was signed on June 26, 2023 by Anwar on behalf of the government and then Felda

chairman Tan Sri Idris Jusoh and Felda Director-General Datuk Amiruddin Abdul Satar.

The signing of the document was witnessed by Treasury Deputy Secretary-General (investment) Datuk Anis Rizana Mohd Zainudin.

At an event here on Wednesday, Anwar said he would release proof that he signed the debt waiver for Felda settlers, Bernama reported.

Anwar was responding to Muhyiddin's demand for an open and unconditional written apology from him following his claim that the Felda settlers' debts, totalling RM8.3 billion, had never been waived under Muhyiddin's administration.

Earlier, Anwar had also said under the Perikatan Nasional government's 2021 and 2022 national budgets, there had been no allocations to resolve and dispose of Felda's debts.

He added that it was only in Budget 2023 that he had set aside RM990 million as an initial allocation to dispose of the debts.