



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim greeting the congregation at Masjid Raja Haji Fisabilillah in Cyberjaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

## Govt will not interfere with IRB investigation, says Anwar

**CYBERJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the government would not interfere with the authorities' investigation into opposition leader Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainuddin.

He said he had no knowledge of the Inland Revenue Board's (IRB) raid at the Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) secretary-general's residency.

Anwar said the investigation was carried out entirely by the taxation body.

"The matter is under the jurisdiction of the IRB. The investigation is the prerogative of the authorities.

"I was not informed about the matter," he said after performing Friday prayers at Masjid Raja Haji Fisabilillah here yesterday.

He was asked to comment on

the raid at Hamzah's residence in Damansara, Petaling Jaya, on Wednesday.

An online portal quoted a Perikatan Nasional source as saying: "We do not know what the reason behind the raid is. Some documents were seized."

Another PN source claimed that the authorities failed to find anything "negative" in Hamzah's home. Hamzah has remained mum on the raid.

Bersatu secretary-general Datuk Razali Idris labelled the move as character assassination and Bersatu supreme council member Saifuddin Abdullah said it was a "desperate move".

On another matter, Anwar said he would be holding a discussion with Khazanah Nasional Bhd on the sale of a children's theme

park in Singapore owned by the sovereign wealth fund.

"I will hold a meeting with them on the matter," Anwar said briefly when he was asked to comment on a report that Kidzania Singapore was being sold to Sim Leisure Group for a mere SG\$110,000.

News of the sale surfaced a few days after reports suggested that Khazanah had sold Iskandar Malaysia Studios.

It was reported that Khazanah and Boustead Holdings Bhd, which launched Kidzania in Singapore in 2016, initially injected S\$48 million into the project.

The theme park generated only SG\$15 million in revenue and incurred SG\$8.3 million in losses after tax due to alleged poor management.