

Govt will not allow monarchy to be mocked: Anwar

KUALA LUMPUR: The government will not compromise or allow the monarchy to be mocked and threatened in the name of freedom in this country, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The government would defend the monarchy system by ensuring that appropriate action would be taken against any party that attempts to threaten the institution and the supremacy of the Constitution,

Anwar said.

He cited a Malay saying *biar patah dayung di tangan, dengan jari ku kayuh jua*, which translated loosely to mean to do something by any means that is necessary.

The King stands as a pillar and the royal institution must remain and be strongly preserved, he said in his congratulatory speech at the investiture ceremony of federal awards and honours held in

conjunction with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah's birthday celebration yesterday.

A total of 839 individuals were conferred federal awards, honours and medals.

Meanwhile, Anwar said the unity government, which owes its birth to the wisdom of His Majesty, has succeeded in achieving unity and forging a consensus, creating a stable

political environment.

He said this has led to the country's economic growth, increased confidence of domestic and foreign investors, and has made way for sustainable and proper governance to ensure the comfort and well-being of the people.

The unity government is committed to working diligently to drive growth and defend justice as well as human virtues in the spirit of

developing Malaysia Madani.

He also expressed heartfelt salutations and congratulation on behalf of the Cabinet ministers and the public on the occasion of the official birthday of His Majesty.

"May the Almighty continue to bless His Majesty, Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah and the royal family with good health and happiness," he said. - Bernama