

**'NOT A LOW-CLASS POLITICIAN'**

# 'I DO NOT USE MY POSITION TO PERSECUTE ANYONE'

**Prime minister slams opposition's claim he meddles in legal proceedings**

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim reiterated his claim that he has never meddled in any legal proceedings.

This, he pointed out, included cases involving his deputy, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

"Do not point fingers at the prime minister or use religious insinuation, claiming political interference in court cases,

"There are claims that (I did so) because he (Zahid) is the DPM.

"You can ask the chief judges on the attorney-general if I have ever asked for leniency or for the court cases to be withdrawn.

"Don't simply accuse me of such things, I am not a low-class politician," he said during Minister's Question Time in Parliament yesterday.

Anwar was replying to a supplementary question from Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PN-Pasir Mas), who asked about the government's actions that appeared to focus on the opposition's court cases.

Anwar, who is Tambun member of parliament, said as the prime minister, he would not persecute anyone, including the opposition leaders.

"If you want to criticise politically, you can, but remember that as prime minister, I do not use my position to persecute anyone."



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