



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim arriving for 'Dialog Anak Muda Temu Anwar' during the Youth Empowerment Fair at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

'STOP THIS NONSENSE'

PM TARGETS RACISM, BIGOTRY AND GRAFT

Anwar takes a jab at opposition for criticising action taken against political leaders over Jana Wibawa scandal

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he wants to put a stop to racism and religious bigotry in the country.

He also said the government under his administration wanted to end corruption and prevent financial leakages in its spending.

"It is time to stop this nonsense. No more racism, no more religious bigotry, no more corruption."

He said this at "Dialog Anak Muda Temu Anwar" during the Youth Empowerment Fair at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre here.

He took a jab at the opposition for criticising the anti-graft actions against political leaders related over the Jana Wibawa scandal.

He took aim at Pas for calling the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) investigation a political vendetta by the government.

He said there was nothing personal about the issue.

"For Jana Wibawa, even the Chinese *tauke* also benefited. They even questioned the flood-mitigation projects.

"I cancelled direct negotiations. It was at a high cost, but why was it approved... Oh, it was because of *fatwa*."

"Now there is a new *fatwa*: no direct negotiations. Everything must go through tender to bring down the cost," he added.

Earlier, he responded to a question on the government not allowing further withdrawals of the Employees Provident Fund.

Anwar said he was open to suggestions. However, it had been made into a political issue.

Present at the dialogue were Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil and Deputy Sports Minister Adam Adli Abd Halim.