

The PM and I don't do any ganja, says Rafizi

KUALA LUMPUR: There was a light moment during a press conference in Parliament when Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli said he and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim do not partake in ganja.

This "declaration" came about when he was asked by reporters about the seizure by police of a parcel that contained toothpaste with cannabis extract.

The package was addressed to him and Anwar.

"I don't know. It was sent to the office. I didn't open it. None of us take weed, so I think it was a waste," he told reporters yesterday.

A police report was lodged by an officer of Rafizi's on March 13 after receiving a call about the delivery.

The tube of the toothpaste had patterns of marijuana leaves in green and white, along with a label reading "Happy Green".

The case is being probed under Section 6 of the Dangerous Drugs Act, which deals with the possession of raw opium, coca leaves, poppy-straw and cannabis.

During the press conference, Rafizi also spoke about the Special Task Force to Facilitate Business (Pemudah), which is seeking to have a simplified expatriate permit application by June.

"While this may not sound like big news to most Malaysians, it is among the key concerns of investors and industries."

Rafizi also said Pemudah was looking into expanding programmes aimed at providing opportunities to technical and vocational education and training (TVET) trainees.