

'NO PROBLEM WITH DECLARING WEALTH'

I declared my wealth before GE15, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday reiterated that he has no problem declaring his wealth.

Responding to the challenge issued by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Anwar said he was one of the political leaders who declared his assets ahead of the 15th General Election last year.

"I have no problem. I am among those who declared their wealth (last year), which he (Dr Mahathir) did not.

"I even declared my wealth previously, at RM11 million, which includes my house in Segambut.

"That is a fact," he said at the Hari Raya open house at Dataran Merdeka.

Present was Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar.

Anwar, who is Tambun mem-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the Hari Raya open house at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

ber of parliament, said he had the evidence to back his claims that Dr Mahathir amassed wealth during the latter's tenure as prime minister.

"We have it. But if one of his children owns a plane and has a company worth billions,

what other evidence that we need? Everyone knows, so do not right the wrong."

Previously, Anwar had challenged past leaders, who amassed wealth when leading the country, to surrender half of what they had gained to Malays if

they were sincere in helping them.

He named past leaders such as Dr Mahathir and former finance minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, and hoped the message would be relayed to them.

Following this, Dr Mahathir ac-

cused Anwar of helping his cronies during the latter's stint as deputy prime minister.

Dr Mahathir had also challenged the PKR president to declare his amassed wealth when he was in the cabinet in the 1990s.