

STATE 'LEASED' BY KEDAH JIBE

PM CHIDES KEDAH MB OVER PENANG CLAIM

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sultan, had agreed to, says Anwar**

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has taken a swipe at Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Noor over the ter's claim that Penang is under the ownership of Kedah.

Anwar said Sanusi, as menteri besar, should be responsible with his words and make statements based on provisions in the country's law and Constitution.

"He should understand the Constitution and the agreement (on the formation of the federation), which is clear.

"If you want to resort to playing politics, that is another matter," he said after the launch of the Fikrah Siddiq Fadzil: Citra Budaya dan Peradaban Bangsa Malaysia event here yesterday.

He told Sanusi, who is Pas election director, to respect the agreement on the formation of Malaysia

as enshrined in the Constitution.

"I can comment on this issue as my statement is based on the verification of the attorney-general.

"Please respect the agreement in the Constitution, which was agreed to by the Malay rulers, including the Sultan of Kedah."

lat-Recently, Sanusi was quoted by a Malay daily as saying Penang is under the ownership of Kedah.

He had said Perak and Perlis were the only states that had a border with Kedah.

In 2021, Sanusi courted controversy when he engaged in a public spat with Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow by demanding RM100 million a year as "lease payment" for Penang island and Seberang Prai.

Sanusi had said history showed Penang was a state "leased" from Kedah. Chow refuted the claims.

"We will not pay anything to Kedah. The federal government also need not entertain the state's demands, which is over and above what was agreed upon," Chow said.