

Sanusi slammed for remark

PM: Claiming Penang belongs to Kedah unbecoming of an MB

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim took Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor to task for claiming that Penang still belongs to Kedah.

Anwar said as Menteri Besar, Muhammad Sanusi should understand the Constitution and be bound by legal aspects.

"Sometimes, when a leader speaks, he has to understand the Constitution, he has to understand what is an agreement.

"The agreement may have been signed 300, 1,000 years ago, (but) there is the final agreement of establishing the Federation of Malaya and that is clear.

"To say things in terms of political drama is another matter, but as Menteri Besar, I think it is only appropriate to be bound by legislation," he told reporters after launching the Fikrah Siddiq Fadzil seminar at Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka here yesterday.

Anwar said all leaders need to respect the Constitution agreement that had been consented to by all the Malay Rulers, including the Sultan of Kedah on the issue, reported Bernama.

Muhammad Sanusi was reported to have said that Kedah and Penang do not have a border because Penang still belongs to Kedah, claiming further that



Reading between the lines:

Anwar checking out the books after launching the Fikrah Siddiq Fadzil seminar at the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka in Kuala Lumpur. — Bernama

Kedah only shares a border with Perak and Perlis.

Meanwhile, Anwar said the allegation that there was an offer for PAS to join the unity government was never discussed with the leadership.

"I've never been informed and I am unaware. I do not know who, is it a branch leader? I am unaware, but the important thing is it is not from me and not from the leadership," he said.

When told that the matter was raised by PAS members themselves, Anwar replied: "That you've got to ask them. It was

never brought to us in PH or BN."

Last Saturday, the media reported that PAS president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang had claimed that he was contacted by several individuals with an offer for PAS to join the unity government.

Meanwhile on another matter, Anwar said he was still waiting for the report on claims that some students are not paid an allowance while undergoing industrial training.

"The Human Resources Ministry is currently scrutinising the report.

"The ministry has taken the report and I'm waiting for updates," he said yesterday.

Anwar was responding to allegations that some interns with ministries, government departments, agencies, and private companies have been denied allowance, reported Bernama.

He said he would examine any proposal to formulate a special law to protect the welfare of interns.

"Insya-Allah, when the Finance Ministry and I receive the proposal, I will take appropriate action," he said.