

PH MP WANTS ANWAR TO EXPLAIN DNAA

I believe PM didn't meddle in Zahid's case but questions linger, says govt backbencher

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A GOVERNMENT backbencher wants Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to explain

to the Dewan Rakyat the discharge not amounting to an acquittal (DNAA) granted to Datuk

Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. Hassan Abdul Karim (PH-Pasir Gudang) said members of parliament from both sides of the house had been asking questions about the issue.

He said MPs should be allowed to ask questions about the DNAA during the Prime Minister's

Question Time (PMQT).

"From a legal point of view, what was reported in the media is hearsay. However, I also believe that the prime minister has no



Pasir Gudang member of parliament Hassan Abdul Karim says he will not throw Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim under the bus.
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involvement in the matter as we once discussed judicial independence and how it must be guarded and he (Anwar) agreed (on the matter).

"I will not throw my leader under the bus and I will defend him in this house," he said during the debate on the 12th Malaysia Plan midterm review.

Hassan said he was unsatisfied with the attorney-general's decision, adding that the latter must take responsibility.

He said that it was timely that the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) summon the A-G and his predecessor to explain the matter.

Hassan said he had asked Anwar about allegations of selective prosecution in charging former prime minister Tan Sri Muhyid-

din Yassin and Tasek Gelugor MP Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan with abuse of power in the Jana Wibawa case.

He said he stood firm on his stance that Muhyiddin and Wan Saiful's prosecutions were based on evidence and had nothing to do with political interference.

"I called Anwar to tell him that I did not agree with the prosecution.

"However, he told me that it had nothing to do with being selective as the authorities had strong evidence to prosecute.

"Hence, I am standing firm to not throw my leader under the bus and I will defend him.

"But to be fair, both sides of the House must hear the explanation from the prime minister to put an end to the DNAA issue."