

# DNAA: PM DOES NOT DISMISS DEWAN Q&A

MPs from both sides of the political divide have raised questions on Zahid's case in Parliament

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has not discounted the possibility of answering questions in Parliament on Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's discharge not amounting to an acquittal (DNAA) for his court case.

When asked by reporters, he said: "Maybe, *Insyallah*."

In Parliament this week, Pasir Gudang member of parliament Hassan Abdul Karim asked the prime minister to clarify the matter as MPs from both sides of the political divide have raised questions on the issue, whether inside or outside the august house.

He said MPs should be allowed to ask questions about Zahid's DNAA for his corruption case during Prime Minister's Question Time.

The High Court had granted Zahid a DNAA for 12 counts of criminal breach of trust, eight for bribery and 27 for money laun-

dering, involving millions of ringgit from Yayasan Akalbudi.

Previously, Anwar had stressed that he did not interfere with the court's decision to grant Zahid the DNAA and that the attorney-general had the power to decide for the prosecution in the case.

Anwar was speaking to the media yesterday at Kompleks Nasyrul Quran after officiating the delivery of three shipping containers containing 30,000 copies of the Quran in English and Chinese that are headed to Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.

He said the initiative could help counter misconceptions of Islam which led to Islamophobia and the burning of the Quran.

"A few parties talk about Islam with heat and insults and even think that everyone in the West is misguided without any effort to educate and give understanding.

"This is what I am trying to express with Malaysia Madani, where moral values are the core of religion, especially in the Quran.

"We will counter it by sending the Quran to Sweden and other countries, especially in the West," he said in his speech.

Anwar said anti-Islam sentiments arose from ignorance and hostility inherited from colonial times, leading to Islamophobia.

The government contributed RM10 million to Yayasan Restu to distribute 20,000 copies of Quran translations.

Anwar previously said Malaysia would print and distribute one million copies of the Quran to the world in response to the burning of the holy book.

He said the approach was more beneficial to spread understanding of the Quran so that everyone could understand its content regardless of religious background.

The initiative to print and distribute the Quran is in its first phase, with each phase targeting 500,000 copies.

In the first phase, the printing involves Quran translations in Swedish, English, Spanish, Latin, Mandarin, Khmer, French, Tamil, Tagalog and Hindi.

The first delivery of the Quran arrived in Cambodia on March 29. It was personally handed over to the then prime minister Hun Sen.

On another matter, Anwar said he would announce the appointment of a new domestic trade and cost of living minister soon.

He urged parties who wish to name a candidate to write an official letter to him.

"*Insyallah*, we will fill the vacancy soon."

He said newly elected Pulai member of parliament Suhaizan Kayat was not guaranteed the job.

The post fell vacant after the death of Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub, who was Pulai member of parliament and Simpang Jeram assemblyman, on July 23 following a brain haemorrhage.