

'Anwar's UN speech well received by many'

NEW YORK: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's address at the 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on Friday has sparked many reactions.

Some were positive and others were negative. Although there were more positive reactions, the negative ones mainly came from opposition leaders and netizens who were either anti-government or anti-Anwar.

Among them were Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor, who described the address as bland and having failed to grab world attention.

The Perikatan Nasional election director had said it was em-

barassing for Anwar to deliver Malaysia's National Statement in a hall with few attendance.

Sanusi said this while speaking at PN's Ceramah Perdana for the Pelangai by-election in Dataran Purnama, Simpang Pelangai, Bentong, on Friday.

However, among those who were present at the UN complex in New York, including foreign representatives and diplomats, their view of Anwar's address was the complete opposite. Instead, they praised Malaysia and Anwar for his points.

Foreign Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Amran Mohamed Zin said there were many diplomats who congratulated

Malaysian delegates over Anwar's address, including those from Vietnam, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore and the Maldives.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir also informed Malaysian media that he had received congratulations from many of his counterparts.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, meanwhile, said the various programmes in Anwar's schedule of discussions with captains of industry would potentially bring a huge impact on the economy and investments in the country. **Report by Ahmad Zaini Kamaruzzaman**