

# Good luck and goodbye

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## Unity government stands firm against its detractors

**SHAH ALAM:** Fully charged and vociferous, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was in his element during the PKR special convention as he fired off a salvo against the unity government's critics.

The Prime Minister and PKR president had many things to say in his address at the convention which was held to commemorate the party's 25th anniversary.

He told critics that any attempt by them to destabilise the unity government were futile, adding that there are "desperate groups" trying to destroy the coalition by inciting trouble.

Critics are doing everything they can to destroy the working relationship between the parties in his government, he added.

"To this group of people, I want to say 'good luck and goodbye'.

They will never work," he said in his speech at the event held at the Ideal Convention Center here yesterday.

Anwar insisted the unity government is strong with no "cracks" to break it.

He said critics alleged that the people were suffering because the government had not done anything for them

"Instead, ask them who are the ones suffering? The only ones who are 'suffering' now are the Tun, Tan Sri and Datuk Seri who have looted the country's wealth," he said of the high-ranking individuals who have been hauled up for alleged corrupt activities.

"If you ask me what is the best move we have made so far, it is that we have stopped the abuse of power to rob and loot the coun-

try," he added.

Anwar said it has not been easy to fight corruption.

"The battle against the corrupt is also never easy. Firstly, these personalities have enormous wealth and influence.

"Secondly, they have connections between those in the government and the Opposition," he said, and said this was why the Opposition was relatively-muted in its response to the government's efforts to go after the corrupt.

He said some Opposition leaders are also defending those who are being hauled up for corruption.

He added that the Opposition is saying that the person being hauled up for corruption is pitiful, old and sick.

"Are you saying that the sick can rape or steal? Where did you learn this from?," he asked.

He added if someone is a 'big robber' of the nation's wealth, he will be duly dealt with regardless of his condition or status.

"Whether you are sick, you are a Tun or you are weak, I don't care," he said, saying the law will come after the corrupt.

Earlier in his speech, Anwar said many people have been led astray due to their attraction towards wealth, luxury and assets.

"We have also seen such betrayal in the party.

"That is why in this special convention, we must be prepared to evaluate why Keadilan (PKR) was established as a pillar of our struggles," he added.