



Students visiting a booth at the FLYSiswa and Madani Student Transportation carnivals at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Shah Alam yesterday, NSTP PIC BY FAIZ ANUAR

'SUPERFICIAL'

Anwar dismisses criticism over his role in royal pardon proposal

SHAH ALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has dismissed criticism over his role in forwarding former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's proposal for a royal pardon, calling it "superficial".

"Then I responded (in the Dewan Rakyat), and oh, they criticised me. 'Trying to deceive. Trying to cover up the addendum'. I said this happens due to a lack of knowledge because information was not conveyed properly," he said at the FLY-Siswa and Madani Student Transportation carnivals at Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Shah Alam yesterday.

Anwar's remarks were in response to a supplementary question from opposition chief whip Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan, who accused the government of failing to disclose the royal addendum regarding Najib's pardon.

Anwar said: "It's sometimes a superficial culture. People read

things halfway. There's a lack of reading, a lack of seeking the truth, and a lack of verification. They talk about Malays, talk about Islam, but morality is absent. The true interest in finding the truth is missing. This is the issue."

He said discussing the addendum would be subjudice.

Anwar also called on students to uphold integrity and truth.

"Students must become leaders with integrity, ones who understand the truth."

He reiterated that while academic success was important, moral principles should not be neglected.

"We may master a discipline, but we must never forget that human value lies in truth, justice and morality. Do not forget."

On Tuesday, Anwar revealed in Parliament that he had been the one to bring Najib's royal pardon request to the Pardons Board agenda.