

# PM: NO MEETING WITH CJ OVER ROSMAH

A-G to determine next course of action, says Anwar

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he had no meeting or discussions with the chief justice regarding the court decision involving Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, who was recently acquitted of money laundering and tax evasion charges.

"There are various interpretations, but what I know is that this is a court decision, and it has been handed over to the attorney-general to determine the next course of action.

"It is unreasonable to expect my administration to operate like the previous one, where the prime minister could call judges and issue instructions.

"I did not meet with any judge, nor did I discuss court decisions with the chief justice," he said.

The Tambun member of parliament said this after launching *Lim Kit Siang: Malaysian First*, a book by Kee Thuan Chye, at a restaurant here.

Present were Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) M. Kulasegaran, Deputy Finance Minister Lim Hui Ying and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad, as well as DAP chairman Lim Guan Eng and party veteran Tan Sri Lim Kit Siang.

Anwar said the public must respect the court's decision, adding that it was up to the attorney-general to decide whether an appeal was necessary.

"But I do not think these matters should be controversial. DNAA (discharge not amounting to an acquittal) has faced criticisms from the opposition.

"The decision has been made and we will scrutinise the ruling."

On Thursday, Rosmah, the wife of former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, was acquitted of all RM7 million money laundering and tax evasion charges.

High Court judge K. Muniandy granted Rosmah's application to quash the charges.

Rosmah was initially charged in the Sessions Court on Oct 4, 2018, before the case was trans-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with DAP veteran Tan Sri Lim Kit Siang at the launch of the book 'Lim Kit Siang: Malaysian First' in Ipoh yesterday. **BERNAMA PIC**

ferred to the High Court.

She faced 12 charges of money laundering involving RM7,097,750 and five charges of failing to declare her income to the Inland Revenue Board.

On a separate matter, Anwar said the decision to acquit Tun Musa Aman of all corruption and money laundering charges was made in 2020, during Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's tenure as prime minister.

"What is the issue? Why complain as if it is a big problem? Was there a case brought forward? No, the case was closed."

Anwar said Musa was appointed at the discretion of the king.

"Does the prime minister not know this? Of course, the prime minister knows. It has been referred to, but the prime minister also knows the Constitution and its limits.

"Now, after the Yang di-Pertuan Agong has given his consent, what is my stance? I welcome the decision and pray that Tun Musa Aman will be a good Yang di-Pertua Negeri for Sabah."

On June 9, 2020, Musa was acquitted and discharged of all 46 criminal charges linked to timber concession contracts in the state.

This followed deputy public prosecutor Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid's announcement in court that the prosecution was withdrawing all charges against him.

Musa was first brought to court on Nov 5, 2018, to face corruption charges.

Later, on March 5, 2019, he was charged with 16 counts of money laundering.

On Tuesday, Musa, 73, was appointed the Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Sabah under Article 1 of

the Sabah Constitution for a four-year term, effective Jan 1, 2025, until Dec 31, 2028.

He replaces Tun Juhar Mahiruddin, whose term expires on Dec 31, after holding the post since Jan 1, 2011.

The appointment has drawn criticism due to Musa's past charges.

Earlier, Bernama reported that Anwar announced a RM1 million allocation for the construction of Pusat Pengajian At-Taiyyibin in Tanah Hitam, Chemor near here.

Anwar said the allocation was an addition to funds already raised by the local community to develop the centre.

Bernama also reported that Anwar has called for a transformative era for Asean as Malaysia prepares to assume the bloc's chairmanship next year.

In his opinion piece titled "Asean's Second Renaissance Is Now" for international media outlet Project Syndicate, Anwar outlined Malaysia's vision to advance the Asean Community Vision 2045, focusing on inclusivity, resilience and sustainable growth across Southeast Asia.

"Malaysia's chairmanship will prioritise shared progress, anchored by the theme of Asean 2025: Inclusivity and Sustainability. It seeks to combine economic pragmatism with human-centred values to ensure that no one is left behind.

"The vision includes a pledge to create a rules-based regional order — one that not only safeguards prosperity but also enhances Southeast Asia's stability while navigating tensions between great powers," he wrote in the piece published recently.