

'Claims are just propaganda'

PM: Opposition lacks support for no-confidence motion

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ISKANDAR PUTERI: The Opposition is unable to muster enough support for a vote of no confidence in Parliament, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, in response to the latest rumours that certain parties are attempting to bring down the unity government.

"We have been waiting but there is nothing. I do not think that they have the strength to bring this motion in Parliament," the Prime Minister said following claims that the Perikatan Nasional coalition has managed to get the support of 120 MPs - the minimum to form a government.

Anwar added that these claims could just be Opposition's propaganda so that their supporters will not lose faith in their leaders.

Speaking to reporters after meeting Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) staff here yesterday, Anwar said the "Dubai move" was nothing but a desperate ploy by those losing support.

"Dubai move" is the label given by a government official on what is allegedly the latest plot to overthrow the administration by buying over MPs loyal to the unity government.

Anwar said if the Opposition could not change the government, they should not lose their spirit and shift their focus to work for the people instead.

"I have advised my Cabinet ministers, leadership and even the government as a whole that the focus should be on national development.

"The government's focus for 2024 is to develop our country and strengthen the nation's econ-

omy," he said.

In his address earlier, Anwar said private and government-linked companies (GLCs) need to also emphasise the welfare and well-being of their employees instead of just pursuing profits.

He added that the government was committed to protecting the people's welfare while it develops the country's economy.

"Profitable companies, including private companies, should also pay attention to reasonable wages and also staff welfare such as health and housing.

"Malaysian employers must not ignore welfare and being humane, especially when it comes to their staff," he added.

Anwar said Malaysia was capable of becoming a developed country if it puts an end to corruption and abuse of power.

"I know some people are not

happy with our action against corruption, but this country must be clean of corruption.

"If a billion ringgit is lost, the opportunity to build schools, people's homes, infrastructure, health centres and hospitals will be stunted because the money is stolen.

"Let them scorn me but believe me, if you want to save the country, you must clean it up so that no leader steals the wealth of the people and the country," he added.

He also urged Malaysians to end the practice of abusing their positions to enrich themselves and their families.

"Employers also need to excel and have resilience, contribute to the people and the nation, in order for the country to be respected and admired by the world," he added.