

No compromise on graft issue, says Anwar

SEPANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has stressed that he never compromises on the issue of corruption, whether it involves government backbenchers or opposition members.

Speaking at the 2024 National Good Governance Symposium yesterday, he said he is committed to fighting corruption and wants to ensure that such practices do not occur in the unity government administration.

"Believe me, I do not compromise.

Tan Sri Azam Baki (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission chief commissioner) knows my stance very well. Whether the party supports me or not, that's another question. It does not influence my decision."

Anwar said enforcement agencies should take strict action against those involved in graft, including prominent figures if there is solid data, facts and reasons.

"If there is (evidence), I don't care about their positions or influence because stern action must be taken,

and we have already initiated it," he said while congratulating the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission for its courage.

Anwar said stern action taken against prominent figures and the cancellation of direct negotiation contracts have displeased certain parties, but such measures are necessary for the country.

"There continues to be leakages in large direct negotiation contracts involving billions of ringgit and I'm not exaggerating."

He urged all parties not to politicise enforcement actions against those involved in corruption, especially prominent figures.

"How long are we going to let it be like this? Why are issues like this politicised? Your loyalty to anyone or your interest in a political party is your problem.

"We cannot talk about values, religion and race while defending betrayal of the nation, religion, and country," Anwar said.
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