

# Not easy to investigate prominent personalities: Anwar

**KLANG:** It is not easy to conduct investigations into high-profile figures, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He called on the public to support the government's efforts to investigate top individuals, including those with the title "Tun", in connection with misappropriation of government funds.

"We will go after the crooks, I don't care. When we want to take action (against these individuals), the people get angry, saying that this prime minister is too harsh. For me, this is strange. You should support it. It's not easy, you know, to investigate a Tun.

"Investigating a village chief is easy, investigating a school teacher is even easier. I want to investigate the big shots who steal big money. Think it's easy? It's not. We want to protect this country, don't let them steal the people's wealth," said Anwar.

He was speaking at the National Pongal Festival celebrations at the Klang Municipal Council Square @ Padang Chetty on Saturday.

On Jan 17, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) confirmed that they have taken statements from a former prime minister's son, believed to be related to his business dealings in the late 1990s.

Prior to that, Tun Daim Zainuddin's wife Toh Puan Nai'mah Abdul Khalid and their two children were at the MACC headquarters to assist in an investigation believed to be related to the former finance minister.

In December, MACC seized Menara Ilham in Kuala Lumpur, a building believed to be connected to a case involving the misappropriation of over RM2.3 billion in state funds, implicating a corporate figure and a former senior minister.

On another matter, Anwar reminded Indian community leaders not to be carried away by extreme sentiments that would not benefit the country.

He said all races are now demanding the prompt resolution of issues, and the government would use the fair *Madani* concept for the benefit of all parties.

"To address the issues faced by the Indian community, we have not only allocated RM100 million through the Malaysian Indian Transformation Unit, but also address them through other programmes such as upgrading school toilets, civil servants' homes, eradicating hardcore poverty and the RM30 million National Entrepreneurial Group Economic Fund. - Bernama