



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (front row, centre) with guests at the launch of Pertubuhan Lima Generasi Malaysia in Ipoh on Sunday night. BERNAMA PIC

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# REJECT GRAFT, PM TELLS YOUTHS, NGOs

**Anwar says 'hijrah' means Leaving behind outdated practices, slander**

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**D**ATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and youth movements to heed the government's call to reject corruption, abuse of power and oppression.

The prime minister said Prophet Muhammad (SAW), with strong faith, belief and morals, defended rights and upheld justice by rejecting corruption, oppression and abuse of power.

He said the country would progress and develop if the people emulated these qualities, understand the true meaning of "hijrah" (to emigrate) and wake up from their slumber to uplift their dignity.

"Hijrah means leaving behind outdated practices and 'syirik', practices of injustice, oppression and rampant slander.

"Only by doing this will we change, and I believe Pertubuhan Lima Generasi (PLG) Malaysia will have the same spirit that we have to save our nation and our people.

"I happen to belong to the older generation, but (when it comes to) defending our rights and sovereignty, I don't care.

"You can criticise and condemn me as much as you want, throw me in jail, (but) I will get out and continue fighting," he said at the launch of PLG here on Sunday night.

Present were Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Saarani Mohamad, Deputy Youth and Sports Minister Adam Adli Abd Halim, state Communications, Multimedia and NGO Committee chairman Mohd Azlan Helmi and PLG president Datuk Abdullah Ghani Kasim.

Anwar said Malaysians could not be complacent as the country was competing to develop, so people needed to be equipped with knowledge, raise their understanding of justice and unite to make Malaysia a great country.

"We need investment, digitalisation, artificial intelligence and poverty eradication, and its con-

ditions (are) there needs to be leadership from youth, PLG, national political leaders who reject tyranny and stop abuse of power for self-enrichment.

"I will ensure that PLG, 'silat gayung' or any other machinery will be strengthened to lift our country to greatness."

He said he wanted people to stop fighting and use the spirit of hijrah as it was time for them to rise as one and to show that they were knowledgeable, conscientious and hardworking people capable of upholding justice for the country and its people.

"We need this spirit among Malay, Chinese, Indian, Dayak, and Kadazan youths. This is our country, and we will save our country. This is the time and moment that we rise and save our country."

At the event, he presented donations from PLG Malaysia to five students in the state who excelled in their examinations: two students who scored four As in Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) Term 1 2024, one student who scored four As for STPM Term 2 2024, and two students who achieved excellent results in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia 2023.

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