

PM pledges to defend civil servants who perform well

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has said he will defend civil servants who perform their duties well and will fend off pressure from "looter" factions.

At a Finance Ministry gathering yesterday, Anwar said he has informed Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali to defend civil servants who carry out their duties responsibly.

"I will defend every single civil servant. I will defend them as long as they do their jobs well. I will not buckle under the pressure of these factions, so I hope you understand."

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said there were many reported cases of action being taken against civil servants despite them performing their duties well, following "pressure" from top level officials.

He said he would also continued to do his best for the country despite being criticised over various matters.

He added that he wants to prove that not all politicians are looters, arrogant and abuse the people.

"Just as the people say about targeted subsidies (diesel), I have also been criticised a lot about the civil servant salary scheme.

"But I don't care if they want to

admonish me. I have a mandate and I will do it. When the time comes for me to go, I'll go. But while I am here, I am going to stay and fight for what is right to make sure that Malaysia emerges as a great nation in Asia."

Anwar said as a country with a low inflation rate in Asia, it does not guarantee that there would be no increases in prices of goods although he does not want that to happen.

"The lowest inflation in Asia means that small increases are still happening," he said, adding that he goes to the ground every week to learn about the lives of the people.

He said some of the major government decisions at the moment are to save the country and improve certain aspects, including public transport, education, digital and artificial intelligence. - Bernama