

PM: ONUS ON PN REPS TO VACATE SEATS

Anwar scoffs at Muhyiddin's challenge to declare the seats of 7 defectors as vacant

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has scoffed at Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's "challenge" to declare the seats of seven Perikatan Nasional leaders who support the government vacant. "The *'kepala parti lompat'* (chief party hopper) is proposing that. "It is up to the seven elected

representatives (who declared support for the unity government).

"Why ask me?," he yesterday when asked on Muhyiddin's remarks.

Earlier, at Perikatan Nasional's convention for elected representatives yesterday, Muhyiddin dared the speakers of the Dewan Rakyat and Selangor State Assembly to declare the seats of the seven PN elected representatives vacant.

The seven, comprising six members of parliament and an

assemblyman, have declared support for the unity government.

The MPs are Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal (Bukit Gantang), Mohd Azizi Abu Naim (Gua Musang), Datuk Dr Zulkafperi Hanapi (Tanjong Karang), Zahari Kechik (Jeli), Datuk Iskandar Dzulkarnain Abdul Khalid (Kuala Kangsar) and Datuk Dr Suhaili Abdul Rahman (Labuan).

The state assemblyman is Datuk Abdul Rashid Asari (Selat

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Earlier, Anwar attended a get-together with the police and community at the Seberang Prai Tengah district police headquarters.

Present were Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain and

Deputy Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Datuk Seri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay.

In his speech at the event, Anwar urged the police to be more swift in handling complaints of sexual harassment cases against women and children.

He said the IGP had given his commitment to act without fear or favour.

Meanwhile, Anwar also announced a RM500,000 allocation for the upgrading of a surau at the district police headquarters and another RM1 million for the police quarters in Seberang Jaya.

He also assured that he would continue to look after the well-being of the police and other groups in the country.