

PM: Cops can be more courageous in tackling graft

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said police should be more strict and courageous in tackling corruption issues.

"In addition to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, police also need to be brave in safeguarding the nation (against corruption) and not to disregard sacrifices.

"I acknowledge that it is not easy, but when corruption becomes systemic, it will erode our strength," he said at the 217th Police Day celebration event here yesterday.

Anwar called on all parties to reflect on the mandate given by former prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein regarding threats to national security.

He said that besides the successful handling of communist threats by security forces, Razak

had warned in 1961 about the issues of corruption and communalism that would engulf the country.

"On corruption, imagine, as early as 1961, the country's leaders had already opposed the kind of corrupted leadership that undermined the country.

"The struggles of our fathers and mothers, who fought with blood, sweat and tears, were not for allowing leaders, officials, and civil servants to plunder our wealth," he said.

Present were Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay, Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Shamsul Anuar Nasarah, Chief Justice Tun Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat,



Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain speaking at the 217th Police Day celebration in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN

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Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Public Service Department director-general Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz.