

MP apologises for malicious statements against PM

KUALA LUMPUR: Tasek Gelugor MP Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan from Perikatan Nasional apologised yesterday for his actions in issuing malicious statements against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in the Dewan Rakyat.

The apology was made after Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Johari Abdul gave the MP the opportunity to explain before a motion by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi was presented to suspend Wan Saiful for six months for accusing Anwar of abusing his power.

In the apology, Wan Saiful admitted that the statement made when debating the motion of thanks for the royal address in the

> Move made after Dewan Rakyat Speaker gave Wan Saiful chance to explain before motion by deputy premier was presented to suspend him for six months

Dewan Rakyat on Feb 28 was indeed directed at Anwar.

"I did address that sentence to Tambun (Anwar). I retract that sentence, I retract my statement and I also apologise for that statement.

"I also humbly apologise because in the motion, there was a mention of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, and therefore I apologise

and withdraw the statement and I hope it is given due consideration."

Following the apology, Johari considered the issue closed and proposed that Ahmad Zahid, who is also rural and regional development minister, withdraw the motion.

"This means the Honourable Member for Tasek Gelugor has apologised to Tambun and

withdrawn his statement. The Honourable Member has also sought the forgiveness of His Majesty the King.

"For that, I accepted the (apology) and the minister's withdrawal of motion. Thus, I considered the matter settled as an apology had been made and hopefully, it is acceptable to the minister," he said.

Ahmad Zahid later withdrew the relevant motion listed in the Order of Business of the Dewan Rakyat Meeting.

Meanwhile, Opposition Leader and Larut MP Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin stood up to express his appreciation and commended the decision of the Speaker in resolving the issue.