

Do not treat Ramadan as any usual month, says PM

KUANTAN: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants Muslims in the country not to treat Ramadan as any other month but as a special month for them to increase their acts of worship.

He said the Quran was revealed during Ramadan as a guidance for humanity, adding that Muslims should understand, appreciate and practise the teachings of the Holy Book in their daily lives.

"Meaning, we must work more, our morals should be better and we must ensure that our values are enhanced to increase our *taqwa* (piety).

"So, I hope that Ramadan will

provide an opportunity for Muslims to set a good example, not shout at and be angry with people, punish, slander or insult others," he said at a state-level *Madani* breaking of fast event at the Tengku Ampuan Afzan Mosque in Indera Mahkota here on Saturday.

It was attended by Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail.

Anwar said a good Muslim has high morals, does not cheat and does not engage in bribery or stealing.

"Ramadan provides us with tests,

(so we must) ensure that we maintain our wisdom and morals, defend our values and integrity.

"If you're in business, conduct it ethically. Don't seek excessive profits and oppress those under you. If you're in administration, be trustworthy. If you are a leader, lead with honour."

Anwar added that Pahang maintains a good relationship with the federal government.

"As soon as I arrived, I sought an audience with the Sultan of Pahang (Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah). I came to show respect and gratitude to His Highness (for the excellent

relationship forged) throughout his five-year rule as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"(Besides that, I received briefings from) the menteri besar and the Pahang government on the progress of projects and areas that need improvement, which the federal government should pay attention to."

Wan Rosdy, in his speech, said various vital matters related to state development were discussed during the briefing.

"Many things were approved and considered. Two, three mosques were approved by the prime minister," he said. -Bernama