

No mercy for extremists, says Anwar

PETALING JAYA: Extremists who threaten the peace and security of the country will be dealt with sternly, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said he had met with the security forces and assured the people that the government will take stricter measures to curb the perpetrators of attacks and violence.

"We are thankful that we have been enjoying a very comfortable and harmonious environment. However, in the past weeks, the country has been shaken by several terror incidents that took the lives of our security forces.

"I assure everyone that I have met with security forces and we will take stern action against this group (of extremists)," he said in a special address to the nation last night.

Anwar said these acts were attempts to disrupt the peace while the economy started to record positive growth.

Last week, two policemen - Konst Ahmad Azza Fahmi Azhar, 22, and Konst Muhamad Syafiq Ahmad Said, 24 - were killed while another was injured after they were attacked by an intruder at the Ulu Tiram police station.

Another policeman, Kpl Mohd Hasif Roslan, was injured and is receiving treatment at the Sultan Ismail Hospital.

The masked intruder was shot dead at the location.

Seven people were arrested, including five family members of the suspect, aged between 19 and 62.

The other two were students of higher learning institutions who are believed to have a connection with the incident.

On corruption, Anwar described the menace as a cancer that could weaken the economy, morale and confidence of the people.

He said he had spent his first year in office to put a stop to corruption, particularly on the practice of direct negotiations in government procurement.

"For some, this may be merely political talk but they do not realise the impact of corruption," he said.