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FILE MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE, PM DARES OPPOSITION

Anwar says it must follow the law, not just demand his resignation

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has challenged the opposition to file a motion of no confidence against him at the Dewan Rakyat session here next month.

The Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) president said the opposition should follow the law and not just play on sentiments or just go around "shouting" for him to step down.

"There are 30 people telling Anwar to step down (from the position of prime minister)... What do they think, this country has no rules, no law, no (parliamentary) system?"

"To urge someone to step down, file a motion of no confidence in the Dewan Rakyat session this October..."

"Even if the motion is late, I will approve it," he said at PKR's "Suara Rakyat Suara Keramat" gathering at the Axiata Arena,

Bukit Jalil here on Friday.

The 10,000-strong gathering, themed "From Reformasi to Malaysia Madani", was held to commemorate the reformasi movement which began on Sept 20, 1998.

Also present were the prime minister's wife Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, PKR secretary-general Fuziah Salleh, PKR information chief and Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil.

Anwar chided the opposition's habit of using his status as a former convict to attack his administration.

"Yes, I am an ex-prisoner, but an honourable prisoner who faced cruel and vile accusations."

He reminded PKR members to strengthen its machinery and ensure that the "reformasi" struggle continues to burn brightly.

"I have already reached an age of great maturity, 77 years old.

"I am responsible for ensuring that this torch of struggle continues to burn with your voices.

"The people's voice is the sacred voice," he said.

Anwar also reminded PKR leaders, who now hold various positions in the unity government, not to forget the party's core struggle. **Bername**