

PM quashes talk about return of GST

VLADIVOSTOK: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday the government has never discussed the return of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) as an alternative to subsidy cuts.

At a media conference here, Anwar said discussions were focused on budget strategies and ways to increase government revenue to alleviate the issue of rising costs.

"Nothing specific (on GST) has been discussed. A country cannot be governed based on rumours," he quipped when responding to questions on a report by a foreign news agency.

Bloomberg recently reported that Malaysia is weighing the return of a broad-based consumption tax instead of implementing subsidy cuts for petrol as the government seeks to bolster its finances, quoting "people familiar with the matter".
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... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Russian President Vladimir Putin attending a plenary session of the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, Russia yesterday.

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