

CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION

Anwar: Don't give 'the ignorant' a platform to politicise issues

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged Malaysians to refrain from giving a platform to “ignorant individuals” who politicise and manipulate every issue without regard for public interest.

He said discussions on national development and the economy, including tariffs, should be constructive rather than focusing on divisive issues.

“We are constantly dragged down, particularly on social media, where sensationalism pre-

vails. Minor issues that can be easily managed are blown out of proportion.

“Everything becomes a battle. Whether it’s about temples or balloons, these matters can be resolved peacefully.

“That’s why I urge everyone not to give a platform to those ignorant individuals who disregard the public good,” said Anwar at the Prime Minister’s Department monthly assembly yesterday.

He said all parties should also avoid making statements that in-

sulted others.

“Disagreeing with us doesn’t mean someone is a hypocrite or evil. It’s not like that.

“This country is fundamentally rooted in the Malay community. Not just as a foundation, but it is guaranteed by the Constitution.

“The position of the government and the Conference of Rulers cannot be denied.

“But that does not mean we should always insult others, particularly when statements are made by minority groups. This is

not our religious teachings,” he said.

Anwar also urged civil servants to support the government’s reform agenda, particularly in the fight against corruption and the strengthening of governance.

He also called on civil servants to play a vital role in countering negative narratives and explaining to the public the government’s agenda and policies that could drive the nation’s growth.

The Congress of Unions of Em-

ployees in the Public and Civil Services said it supported Anwar’s call for civil servants to back government reforms.

Its president, Datuk Dr Adnan Mat, said transparent, integrity-driven reforms were crucial for strengthening the public service, fostering prosperity and improving the well-being of the people.

He said civil servants must lead the way in upholding the principles of integrity and transparency.