

## HUMAN EDITORIAL JUDGMENT

# Anwar calls for responsible use of AI after flag mistakes

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for national symbols, including the Jalur Gemilang, must be carried out responsibly.

Anwar's senior press secretary, Tunku Nashrul Abaidah, said yesterday: "The use of AI must be accompanied by responsibility.

"The prime minister welcomes innovation in the field of technology, including the growing use of AI in various sectors, such as media, education and business.

"However, he emphasised that AI must not replace human ed-

itorial judgment and quality control.

"Any material involving national symbols or issues of public sensitivity must undergo thorough review, guided by a spirit of respect and shared responsibility."

He said this during the Prime Minister's Office's daily briefing.

Anwar has said while AI is a powerful tool, its misuse could have serious implications for the nation's harmony.

Last week, *Sin Chew Daily* sparked controversy after publishing a graphic illustration of the Jalur Gemilang without the

crecent moon, prompting a police investigation and the detention of two senior editors.

The gaffe was followed by another incident involving a Singapore-based baby food vendor, which displayed an incomplete Jalur Gemilang at a shopping mall in the federal capital.

Yesterday, the Education Ministry issued an incorrect version of the flag in its Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia results analysis.

Following this, Anwar said there should be no double standards in the investigation of such matters.

He also expressed concern

about repeat incidents involving errors in the depiction of the Jalur Gemilang, which symbolises the nation's sovereignty and dignity.

He added that such mistakes, believed to have stemmed from the use of AI, whether intentional or not, must not be taken lightly, as they touch on national sensitivities.

"Investigations will be carried out regardless of the parties involved, be they local media, international companies or even government agencies.

"The principles of justice and respect for national symbols

must be upheld by all.

"All parties must be more sensitive and cautious when it comes to the publication of materials related to national symbols or national dignity," he said.

The Education Ministry issued an apology and said printed copies of the SPM results analysis report had been recalled, and corrections are being made immediately.

"This oversight is unacceptable," it said in a statement.

"Immediate and stern action has been taken against all parties involved, and a thorough investigation is underway."