

PM WANTS END TO 'ARROGANCE IN POWER'

Separation of powers among branches of govt must be upheld, says Anwar

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P RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called for an end to the "era of arrogance in power", warning that unchecked authority in the executive, legislature or judiciary threatens the integrity of the legal system and erodes public trust.

He said the legal system and judiciary must undergo continuous reform to remain the pillars of a free, independent and democratic nation, ensuring both integrity and public confidence in the administration of justice.

"The legal system is the backbone of a free, independent and democratic nation, and it de-

mands continuous reform.

"The separation of powers must be understood, and the era of arrogance in the executive and legislative branches must end.

"History has shown that there were times when the arrogance of political power led to damage and confusion in the interpretation of laws, and even allegations of corruption and abuse of power," he said.

Anwar said this in his keynote address at the closing ceremony of the Asean Law Forum 2025.

He said the government supported the reforms spearheaded by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said in collaboration with the Attorney-General's Chambers to reinforce the integrity of the legal system.

"When Azalina stresses the need for change, she does so with great determination and conviction in her engagements with fellow ministers.

"The reforms carried out with the Attorney-General's Chambers will inspire renewed confidence in eliminating abuse of power," he added.