

ANWAR HAS CABINET RESHUFFLE LIST

But PM has not discussed it with other leaders of unity govt parties

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said he has a list prepared for a cabinet reshuffle, but has yet to hold discussions with leaders of the unity government parties.

Anwar, the Pakatan Harapan chairman, described the reshuffle as a “minor” exercise aimed at filling vacancies rather than making sweeping changes to the cabinet.

“Yes, I have a list. I am considering it carefully. I do not want to rush, and I need time to reflect after hearing various views.

“I have not yet discussed it with all party leaders. The final decision remains my prerogative, and I appreciate that they understand and respect that.”

He said this after launching his book, *Rethinking Ourselves: Justice, Reform and Ignorance in Postnormal Times*.

Asked about DAP secretary-general Anthony Loke’s remark that the party had not been con-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking with a member of the public at the launch of his book, ‘Rethinking Ourselves: Justice, Reform and Ignorance in Postnormal Times’, at Tsutaya Books, Pavilion Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday, NSTP PIC BY RAIHANA MANSOR

sulted, Anwar said he had not met or spoken with any party leader on the reshuffle, including Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The cabinet has four vacant posts.

Meanwhile, Anwar dismissed claims that the cabinet had interfered in the Dewan Rakyat over the suspension of Perikatan Nasional (PN) chief whip Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan.

“The cabinet comprises party leaders who advise their backbenchers, and this is a normal

practice. I believe it has been followed for decades, including when PN was in government.”

On Dec 5, the cabinet decided the motion to suspend Takiyuddin from Parliament would be referred to the Parliamentary Committee of Privileges.

On Dec 4, the Dewan Rakyat was informed that the six-month suspension motion against Takiyuddin, the Kota Baru member of parliament, over remarks related to a Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency training exercise, had been postponed.