

Foreign leaders free to meet Dr M, says Anwar

MANAMA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the government has never prevented any foreign leaders visiting the country from meeting with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

“Don’t take it too seriously. If a foreign leader wants to meet, what’s the problem?”

“If his friend wants to meet, there’s no issue, but no one has asked.

“Recently, leaders from Thailand, Japan, Indonesia and

Turkey visited Malaysia, but none asked to meet with Dr Mahathir.

“If they wanted to, I wouldn’t say no. There’s no harm in it,” he said.

Dr Mahathir had claimed in an interview on a podcast that the Anwar-led government had blocked several foreign leaders from meeting with him.

He alleged that the leaders who were blocked were his own friends.

In response, Anwar emphasised that such claims should not be made into an issue.

“Don’t entertain it.

“Every day he makes accusations, claiming he has no money, but his children have over RM1 billion,” he said.

Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki had previously said two of Dr Mahathir’s children possessed assets worth over RM1.2 billion.