

## NAJIB SOLIDARITY RALLY

# PM: HEED KING'S DECREE ON CLEMENCY

Read, understand, accept king's statement on pardon application process, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has asked all quarters to “read, understand and accept” the Yang di-Pertuan Agong’s decree statement regarding pardon applications and remission of sentences for convicts.

“You must read, digest and ac-

cept the decree of His Majesty’s statement,” he said briefly after visiting Lestari Niaga Madani@KL 2 here yesterday.

Anwar was asked to respond to Istana Negara’s statement yesterday, in which it said an application for pardon or reduction of sentence for any prisoner must be submitted by the prisoner himself for consideration by the Pardons Board that is chaired by the king.

He was also asked if the palace’s statement was in relation to the planned solidarity rally by Umno, backed by Pas, in support of incarcerated former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Anwar only replied: “You must read, you must read.”

The rally is scheduled to take place outside the Palace of Justice in Putrajaya on Monday as the Court of Appeal hears Najib’s application on an alleged royal addendum order.

Najib, 71, had been imprisoned since Aug 23, 2022, after the Federal Court upheld his conviction for misappropriating RM42 mil-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim visiting a trader at his stall in Lestari Niaga Madani@KL 2 in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, NSTP PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

lion in SRC International Sdn Bhd funds.

Anwar, who is Pakatan Harapan chairman, said PH was not involved in the solidarity rally.

On another subject, Anwar said he was ready to serve as a mediator to ease tensions between Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and DAP chairman Lim Guan Eng.

“We will calm things down. The issue between Lim and Zahid... we will ease it. If it’s just a little

matter (Lim making sensitive statements), there’s no problem making a statement,” he said.

Lim and Zahid had earlier this week traded barbs over the planned rally for Najib.

Lim had claimed that the rally would raise doubts over BN’s sincerity as a partner in the unity government.

Zahid, in response, said Lim should trust the current DAP leadership instead of “disturbing” or undermining any of the partners in the administration.