

# 'No issues with anti-graft protest'

## Anwar reaffirms his commitment to combat corruption at all levels

**DENGKIL:** Stating that he has no objection to the Rakyat Benci Rasuah (The People Hate Corruption) rally to be held today, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim reiterated his commitment to combat corruption at all levels.

The Prime Minister said Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail had given the green light for the rally.

"Permission has been given but (subsequently), there are certain locations that were not approved.

"For me, it's not an issue. Go ahead, protest if you want to protest against corruption," he said in response to queries about the rally.

A poster for the rally has been

circulating on social media, calling on the public to gather at a shopping complex in Kuala Lumpur before marching to Dataran Merdeka at 2.30pm today to demand justice and reject oppression.

Anwar said issues of corruption to be raised at the rally should be based on facts and not merely focused on old issues.

"I have been Prime Minister for two years, what corruption problems are there? That should be the focus.

"Some are bringing up old issues. True, we have resolved some and there are issues that we have not been able to resolve.

"When we highlight the loss of

billions of ringgit, there's no voice, no support and some even defend it," he said after performing Friday prayers at Universiti Teknologi Mara's (UiTM) Dengkil campus, Bernama reported.

Anwar reiterated his commitment to eradicating corruption in the country.

"If any leaders are involved, let me know and we will take action. I emphasised this during the Cabinet meeting," he added.

The Prime Minister said there are parties that were bringing up old cases, including ones that were closed during their tenure in the administration.

"Now they want me to take action, for instance, the case of

Sabah Governor Tun Musa Aman that was cleared during their time," he said.

Anwar gave assurance that there would be no tolerance for individuals involved in corruption during his administration.

"From the lowest levels to the highest, if anyone is involved, I will not compromise," he said.

Meanwhile, in Kelantan, Saifuddin Nasution said authorities would facilitate for the rally to take place in line with the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012.

The Home Minister said the Cabinet has been informed about this, as well as the right to assemble as guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.

"I have spoken to (Inspector-General of Police) Tan Sri Razarudin Husain to ensure that sufficient personnel will be on duty.

"We will facilitate but organisers must abide by the regulations.

"This includes not bringing sharp weapons or underaged children to the rally," he said.

In a related development, Kuala Lumpur police chief Comm Datuk Rusdi Mohd Isa said more than 400 police personnel and officers will be deployed to maintain order at the anti-corruption rally.

Police believe the organisers will proceed with the rally despite not fulfilling requirements of a notice under the Act.