

# I AM OPEN TO NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE, SAYS PM

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reiterated he is open to facing a motion of no confidence in the Dewan Rakyat, as it is part of the democratic process.

Anwar was responding to opposition leader Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin's remarks during Saturday's Pas-led rally in Kuala Lumpur on the possibility of tabling the motion.

"They've been talking about it for three years now," he said after PKR's Seminar Pemantapan Organisasi dan Jelajah Presiden here yesterday.

"We are open to it. That is the proper and democratic process.

If he wants to bring it forward, let him do so."

Anwar, who is PKR president, said that he had informed Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Johari Abdul that such a motion should be allowed.

Despite Hamzah's comments, Perikatan Nasional chief whip Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan appeared to downplay the prospect of a no-confidence vote in the Dewan Rakyat, saying that there might be insufficient MPs to carry the motion.

Echoing Anwar's stance, Umno vice-president and Titiwangsa MP Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani said all MPs had the right to table motions in the Dewan Rakyat.

"No one can forbid it. If it is brought to Parliament, we will see who gets support and who doesn't.

"Parliament will decide," he said after officiating at the Shah Alam Umno division meeting.

Anwar had previously affirmed that the government would not block such a motion, as democratic principles must be upheld.