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Judiciary is independent, says Anwar on DNAA rulings

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has questioned his critics over the discharge not amounting to an acquittal (DNAA) rulings granted by the courts.

The prime minister said the judiciary was independent and that criticisms of him regarding court decisions contradicted public expectations of an independent ju-

diary.

"One example is corruption cases. One person receives a DNAA and the prime minister is condemned by one group.

"Then the next week, another person receives a DNAA, and the prime minister is condemned again. But these guys talk about judicial independence. This is an apparent contradiction.

"What do you want? Do you want me to be a dictator by asking the judges to make rulings based on your personal views about corruption?" he asked.

Anwar said this in his speech at the Asean-Madani Leadership Programme 2025 yesterday.

He also took aim at "gross inconsistencies" in the attitudes of certain segments of society to-

wards anti-corruption efforts.

"I have a huge problem with some of our so-called educated allies. Some call for reform and change, but I also detect some gross inconsistencies when it comes to the anti-corruption drive.

"I find it odd, utterly hypocritical, to be talking about corruption and comparing it to one per-

son, a former prime minister, for example, and ignoring the fact that billions have been squandered," he said.

He criticised the silence when the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission investigated those figures, adding that the fight against corruption should be rooted in ethics and values, not partisanship.