

REFUTES 'UNFAIR' CLAIMS

Door still open for talks on allocations for opposition MPs, says Anwar

CYBERJAYA: The door is still open for discussion on allocations for opposition members of parliament, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said.

Anwar, however, stressed that discussions must first take place before any draft could be amended.

He said during his time as the opposition leader, simultaneous meetings were held between him and the then prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

"There should be discussions

first, the draft can be amended later. But now, they are making noise from the outside. Why? Learn first before trying to be street heroes.

"So now, they are using this issue to stir up a commotion. Some claim they are poor because of debt. Do they even know how much an MP earns with allowances if they attend all meetings? It reaches RM30,000 to RM40,000. Who here gets RM30,000? No one," he said when met by reporters after at-

tending the 2025 Revenue Collection Day yesterday.

Anwar added that projects in opposition-held constituencies were still ongoing, but were being directly implemented rather than through the elected representative.

"To claim that the people are burdened is untrue and saying that MPs are left poor is ridiculous. If (earning) RM40,000 is still considered 'poor', then I do not know what to say. Listening to their speeches in and out of

Parliament, it is like they are in debt.

"If you buy too many cars or have too many wives, maybe then you would be in debt. Otherwise, I don't see why there should be any need for it (debt)."

Yesterday, Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the opposition had rejected the memorandum of understanding due to the strict and unfair conditions set by the government.

This was after Muar MP Syed

Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman had agreed to several conditions set by the government on the allocation agreement.

Meanwhile, Syed Saddiq told the *New Straits Times* that he was optimistic about a good outcome from his talks with the Madani government regarding the allocation for his constituency.

"I would like to thank (Prime Minister Datuk Seri) Anwar and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof for assisting in this process," he said.