

## FLAG BADGE FOR STUDENTS

# Anwar: Don't blow issue out of proportion

SHAH ALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the directive requiring public school students to wear a Jalur Gemilang badge on their uniforms from April 21 should not become a prolonged issue.

"It's not difficult. The Jalur Gemilang badge is provided for free. Just attach it to the uniform.

"Many neighbouring countries have been practising this for a long time.

"We have discussed it and this step is intended to nurture our children's love for the country.

"When the Education Ministry proposed this, which has been delayed for some time, the cabinet agreed to implement it immediately, with the flags being distributed free of charge.

"I don't think this issue should be blown out of proportion."

He said this after performing Friday prayers at Masjid Jamek Raja Tun Uda in Section 16 here.

On Thursday, it was reported that all public school students would be required to wear a Jalur Gemilang badge on their uniforms from April 21 as part of efforts to promote patriotism and national resilience.

A circular issued on March 24 by Education Department director-general Datuk Azman Adnan said students must wear a 5cm by 2.5cm Jalur Gemilang badge on the right side of their chest.