

# 'Hajiji a steadying force'

CM helping Sabah progress through political stability, says Anwar



**With the people:** Anwar and Hajiji (right of Anwar) attending a breaking of the fast event at Padang Tuaran. — Bernama

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**TUARAN:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has credited Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor with steadying the political ship in Sabah.

Addressing the local community in a breaking of fast event here, the Prime Minister commended Hajiji for his ability to “stabilise and calm the state’s political scene, which can be somewhat chaotic”.

“It is with this stability that Sabah can move forward and focus on what is needed for the state and its people,” Anwar said

yesterday at the event.

Prior to the event, he had met with the state leaders here.

He said leaders could think calmly because of stable politics.

“Otherwise, the Prime Minister will not think about AI because AI (Anwar Ibrahim) is toppled,” he said in jest.

Anwar also said it was important to work as a team and not spread hate, vilify one another or fight over skin colour.

He expressed his hope that the unique relations among the people of Sabah, regardless of race or religion, would be preserved and strengthened for many generations to come as they work as a

team to bring prosperity to the state.

He also noted the importance of prioritising infrastructure development and the people’s welfare.

“If we are able to focus on what is important for the state, nation and people, then our state and country will become great,” he said.

The Prime Minister took the opportunity to remind Muslims observing the fasting month to remember the fundamentals of the season - discipline, integrity, responsibility towards religion and the community, as well as humanity.

To the ‘children and youth, Anwar had this to say: “I hope that after your Hari Raya holidays, you will return to school with a renewed spirit.”

He advised them to learn more, get involved in technology and digital learning, and take advantage of the platforms laid out for them to venture into this technology and artificial intelligence (AI)-based era.

“We have many international giants such as Microsoft coming into Malaysia, but if we are not ready and are unable to provide the required talent, they will move away in search of these people,” he said.