

# Badge policy not hasty, says Anwar

## Govt studied other countries on ways to boost patriotism

**PETALING JAYA:** The government has looked at examples from other countries on how to boost patriotism among students before deciding to implement the wearing of Jalur Gemilang badges as part of school uniforms, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister also said the approval by the Cabinet of the long-standing proposal from the Education Ministry should not be polemicalised by any quarters.

"We are giving out the badge for free; just tack it on. Many neighbouring countries have been doing it for a long time,

"We have thought about it and discussed implementing it so that children are educated from young to love the country," he said yesterday, Bernama reported.

On Thursday, the ministry announced that the wearing of the Jalur Gemilang badge on students' uniforms in its educational institutions would be implemented in stages from April 21.

The initiative will apply to

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government schools, government-aided schools, matriculation colleges and teacher education institutes, with the aim of fostering patriotism among students and educators.



**Showing respect:** Anwar greeting children after performing Friday prayers at Masjid Jamek Raja Tun Uda in Section 16, Shah Alam. — KK SHAM/The Star