

## RALLYING IN PARTY

# Anwar: Don't cause rifts between PKR polls hopefuls

**LANGKAWI:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reminded PKR members and supporters not to make extreme comments that could lead to discord among party polls candidates.

The PKR president, who is also prime minister, said all quarters must remember that the candidates, particularly those contesting the top posts, had sacrificed and contributed immensely to the party for a long time.

He said he supported all candidates as they were all worthy.

However, he said the limited number of positions meant that members would have to choose who got them.

"Many people are Worried over the competition at the central level.

"I'm not overly concerned as those battling for the deputy and vice presidency, youth and wom-

en's posts are old, loyal friends.

"For example, I look at the vice presidency candidates. There are many who are extremely qualified.

"If I had two spots for the deputy presidency, I'd back both. If I could have a dozen vice-presidents, I would back them all.

"All the candidates have sterling records. However, if you're not voted in, please don't disparage anyone else.

"This is what we call etiquette and morals in battle," he said in his speech to officiate at the Langkawi PKR office here yesterday.

Anwar said among those con-

testing the party's top spots were friends who had joined PKR since its establishment.

He said this was why PKR members, particularly new ones, had to remember the deeds and sacrifices of such leaders without downplaying their contributions.

"Those fighting have contributed immensely. So, there is no need to make enemies of each other.

"If there are differences in opinion, we should foster a sense of affection and care among us.

"The majority of them (contesting) are the 'original fighters', so let's not raise the temperature.

"We must resolve things in a

good way.

"While we may be at odds in some matters, we cannot deny the deeds, service and sacrifices of these people," he said.

Anwar also reminded members that PKR's lofty morals and principles had enabled it to become a ruling party.

"I cannot deny that sometimes, this (extreme comments) can lead some to forget that at its core, this party is about values and principles which we have to uphold.

"If we realise this, then we would make morals a priority.

"As such, let's not bicker just because we have differing opinions. There has to be compassion and there are limits.

"We have to take all this into account, only then can we become a party and leaders that are fair."

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