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**P** RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called for firm action against all parties involved in cor-

ruption, as such practices are harmful to the nation.

He said leaders should not misuse their positions to accumulate wealth for themselves or their families.

"In the past, people feared taking action, worried they would be seen as vindictive.

"Yet, some individuals amassed

billions of ringgit for personal comfort. Yes, you can be leaders, but not as leaders who enrich themselves and their families.

"This country must be saved. This is our commitment."

He said this in his speech when officiating at the Madani Rakyat programme and the National Youth Day celebration here yesterday.

Present were Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh and State Secretary Tan Sri Azmi Rohani.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, also touched on the concept of real and ideal development.

He said development was not just about constructing skyscrapers or achieving economic growth, but about nurturing knowledgeable, civilised and moral people.

"Often, when development is mentioned, people think of economic growth, urbanisation, skyscrapers, highways and new infrastructure. But what is the purpose of all that?"

"The real goal of development is human development, not just physical bodies, but people who are knowledgeable, moral and compassionate.

"What's the point of building skyscrapers if they are occupied by people who are violent, greedy, arrogant and oppressive? What use is a developed country if its citizens live in hatred?"

He called on youth to set an example for society on the true meaning of progress.

"I want young people to lead by example and help educate the older generation who may not fully understand what progress truly means.

"Show that success is not measured by skyscrapers, but by human values."

He said the main goal of national development was to build a caring, civilised and respectful country, in line with Malaysia's multi-racial and multi-religious society.