

Anwar: PH not after chief minister post

KOTA KINABALU: Pakatan Harapan (PH) had never sought the Sabah chief minister's post and will work with any coalition or party that wins tomorrow's Sabah General Election, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The prime minister, who is PH chairman, said close cooperation between Sabah and the federal government was essential, despite certain quarters questioning Putrajaya's role in the state's development.

"For Sabah to succeed, it must work with the federal government. And for the federation to achieve national progress, it must maintain good relations with the states. Any party that wishes to work with us will have our cooperation.

"With 20 seats, we (PH) cannot form the government," he said in his speech before some 1,000 people at the Karnival Harapan Urang Sabah Patagas in Putatan yesterday.

Present was PH candidate for

Petagas, Awang Husaini Sahari.

Anwar said his visit to Sulaman earlier was to support caretaker Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor and in appreciation of the close cooperation between the federal and Sabah governments.

He added that although parties in the unity government might have overlapping interests, such disputes should not be prolonged.

"He (Hajiji) has never asked for projects or shares for himself. He asks for allocations for the people of Sabah. That is why I value my relationship with him, and I hope this cooperation continues.

"In this cooperation, some areas involve working with BN and others with GRS — all to strengthen the Sabah government.

"That is why, even though Sulaman is Hajiji's seat and belongs to GRS, and I am from PH, I still went to Sulaman to show my support. That is our approach.

"Some agree, some do not, but we discuss matters properly for the benefit of the people."