

PM HINTS AT PKR CONTESTING MEROTAI SEAT

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim hinted that PKR will field a candidate in the Merotai state seat here in the 17th Sabah election.

Anwar, who is Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman and PKR president, said Sabah needed credible leaders who were close to the heartbeat of the people.

He said the Sabah assembly would be dissolved by Nov 11 at the latest, and the people must reject the politics of division.

"What is important is that we must have unity, and avoid animosity. It's not Malays against Chinese, not Dusun against Kadazan, and not Sabah against the peninsula.

"Choose good Sabahans, choose good Peninsular Malaysians to take care of the people. Why fight with me?

"I have a deep affection for the people because I myself have lived in hardship."

He was speaking at the Himpanan Temu Rapat Umum rally in Merotai on Friday night.

He said the Sabah election was an opportunity to choose representatives who could be the voice of the people, uplift Sabahans and champion the interests of Malaysia.

"They must understand and represent the spirit of the people of Sabah, and they must uplift the dignity of all Malaysians," he said.

"Don't promise the moon and stars. Bring change through development and technology," he added.

At the event, he introduced National Unity Ministry secretary-general Datuk Ruji Ubi, a native of Kampung Haji Matahir here, whom he described as having extensive experience in government administration.

"I told him, 'It is time for you to return to your hometown and take care of the people,'" he said.