

NEW PARLIAMENTARY SESSION

PM: GOVT MPs MUST DEBATE ACTIVELY

Anwar also reminds representatives to focus on their duties, responsibilities

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reminded government members of parliament

to focus on their duties and responsibilities, as well as to actively participate in debates in the Dewan Rakyat.

Unity government spokesman Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said that during the first two or three weeks of the parliamentary sitting, MPs would debate the Royal Address delivered by the king.

Fahmi said the bills announced by the prime minister on Jan 5 would be a priority for discussion during this parliamentary session.

"These include the bill to limit the tenure of the prime minister to no more than 10 years or two full terms, the separation of powers between the attorney-general and the public prosecutor, as well as the Freedom of Information Bill and the Ombudsman Bill," he said after a pre-session briefing at Seri Perdana Complex yesterday.

The briefing, which began at 2.30pm, was chaired by Anwar,



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim leaving Seri Perdana Complex in Putrajaya yesterday after attending a Dewan Rakyat pre-session briefing with unity government members of parliament. (Inset) Unity government spokesman Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said the bills announced by the prime minister on Jan 5 would be prioritised during the parliamentary session. BERNAMA PIC



who was seen leaving Seri Perdana at 4.20pm, waving to members of the media outside the compound.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi arrived at 4.05pm to attend the briefing, entering Seri Perdana after the session concluded.

The First Meeting of the Fifth

Session of the 15th Parliament begins today with an address by His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, at the opening ceremony.