

# THE REUNION



**REUNION:** Anwar's children elated on hearing the news that he has been freed.

## PM seems interested in reforms, says Anwar

**KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.** — In his first speech to supporters this evening, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he had to acknowledge that the Prime Minister seemed interested in reforms.

"We have to say what's right is right," said Anwar, his voice straining, before a crowd spilling into the compound of his Bukit Damansara home.

As Home Minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi gave permission for Anwar to attend his daughter's wedding, and the funerals of his mother and two brothers.

Just before the general election, Parti Keadilan Nasional politician Saifuddin Nasonation approached the PM to discuss Anwar's health.

Following that, Anwar was given access to specialist medical treatment.

In the 10-minute *ceramah*, Anwar said truth and justice had to be upheld.

He thanked his audience for their support over the last six years.

He also said he would speak at length about his plans on his return from medical treatment in Germany. Several Parti Keadilan

Nasional leaders including Tian Chua and N. Gopalakrishnan spoke at the impromptu *ceramah*, which ended at midnight.

Anwar arrived home at 3pm amid cheers from his supporters.

He was accompanied by his wife, Keadilan president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, party vice-president Azmin Ali and Youth chief Mohamed Ezam Mohamed Noor.

Looking weak and tired, Anwar issued a statement saying he thanked God for his freedom.

"This is only the beginning. I will appeal to the Prime Minister to ensure the confidence of the people and integrity of the judiciary be restored.

"I will seek treatment first as my health is very bad," he said.

He also said he was making the necessary arrangements with the relevant government departments to enable him to travel abroad tomorrow for treatment.

Anwar's first stop after leaving the court this morning was his father's home in Kajang, where he had a meal.

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