

**Najib: Anwar not open or democratic**  
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IPOH: Reports that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had asked for blogger Raja Petra Kamaruddin to be removed as a panellist of a global forum showed that the Opposition Leader is not open or democratic.

Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who said this, added that Anwar had always blamed the Government for not being open but pointed out that it was the latter who was guilty of it.

The Prime Minister said Anwar had even barred some newspapers from attending the Opposition's press conferences.

"We must be consistent. If we say we practise openness and democracy, then we must do so always.

"If the claim is true, then his (Anwar's) action is not consistent with what he says," Najib told reporters here yesterday.

Raja Petra had claimed that he had been scheduled to participate in the forum on the global political scenario in Kent, England, together with Anwar and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

The blogger claimed that Anwar, who was to participate in the forum through the Skype voice-over-Internet communication service, had objected to his participation.

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