

**Anwar's Political Speech In Mosque Threatens Harmony - Ahmad Bashah  
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ALOR SETAR, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's action of using the mosque as a political platform could threaten harmony among the congregation, said Kedah Umno liaison chief Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah.

He said the sanctity of the mosque should not be marred by political activities and this stand should be respected by all.

"In Kedah, the congregations have an unofficial consensus that the mosque should not be used for politics and this consensus should be respected by all," he said in a statement, here, today.

He was commenting on the commotion at the Al-Hussin Mosque in Kampung Seberang Pumpong, here, last Saturday following objection from the congregation to Anwar making a political speech there.

"The imam of the mosque had assured the villagers that Anwar would only be coming to pray at the mosque and would not be giving any speech but this was not the case.

"The villagers objected to Anwar giving a speech as they wanted to preserve harmony in the village and did not want the sanctity of the mosque to be marred by political speeches," he said.

Ahmad Bashah said the incident at the Al-Hussin Mosque should be a lesson to all.

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