

Anwar Says May Want To Use Executive Jet During Election
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said that if given the chance he would want to use a leased executive jet during the next general election.

He said he and several other opposition leaders had used an executive jet to fly from Subang in Selangor to Labuan recently with the agreement of an acquaintance.

The PKR de facto leader did not reveal the owner of the aircraft, but said that all records pertaining to the jet could be obtained from the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA).

"I do not see any problem (of using a jet). If given the chance, I would want to lease one again, especially for use during the general election," he told a news conference at the lobby of Parliament House, here Monday.

A published photograph of Anwar and several other Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leaders inside an executive jet caught Barisan Nasional (BN) supporters by surprise because, according to them, PR leaders had often cited BN government leaders of leading a life of luxury and extravagance.

Anwar claimed that the owner of the jet had contacted him to facilitate his journey from Kuala Lumpur to Labuan and Sabah, and he (Anwar) took up the offer.

"I checked to determine if there was any element of interest (of the jet owner) in Selangor, but there was none. My concern was that he might want land or contracts in Selangor ... but there was no such thing," he said.

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