

No unity talks with Najib - Anwar
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Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim stressed today that there has not been a proposal for a unity government from the prime minister.

Anwar said the only suggestion for a unity government came from the people.

"It is important for us to appreciate the fact that the three parties are committed to Pakatan Rakyat," he said, meaning PKR, PAS and DAP.

"There was no basis whatsoever for any such consideration on embarking on a unity government."

He also dismissed having any such talks and also rubbished claims that he had met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the Istana Presiden Indonesia in Jakarta when the two were in the country last week at the same time.

Anwar said he only met with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and former vice-president Jusuf Kalla in Bali and Jakarta respectively.

Anwar was speaking to reporters at the PAS headquarters in Kuala Lumpur where PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub, who was also present, denied that PAS was involved in unity talks.

"At this stage, not at all. We stick with Pakatan. Any decision we make is under Pakatan, it's very clear," Salahuddin said.

It was reported that talk of forming a national unity government started some time ago but that disappeared after the last general election amidst speculation that Najib's position as the premier was weakening - June 20, 2013.

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