

**Pakatan willing to meet BN to discuss issues, not unity government, says Anwar**  
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The opposition wants to meet with Barisan Nasional to discuss several issues but not the formation of a unity government.

Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (pic) said among the issues it could discuss were the economy, crime and the independence of the judiciary.

"We will not discuss a unity government but the Pakatan Rakyat is open to the idea of discussing matters involving the rakyat," he said after attending the PKR Lembah Pantai Hari Raya open house in Kuala Lumpur today.

Anwar had told the Asia Sentinel news portal that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had approached him over the possibility of forming a unity government with the Pakatan Rakyat.

Anwar said he had sent word through intermediaries that attacks by Utusan Malaysia on the Chinese and Indian communities would have to cease before any progress could be made.

He also wanted as a condition the lowering of the racial temperature in Malaysia.

"I said the fundamental issues must be addressed, ending the racial stuff, there has to be a clear understanding and commitment to reform and change," he had said.

Subsequently, Putrajaya denied talk of the proposed unity government saying any such talk was "naughty" and a fiction.

"The efforts by former Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla before the 13th General Election to obtain Datuk Seri Mohd Najib's and Datuk Seri Anwar's agreement to avoid personal attacks and accept the results is the only political agreement that exists," it added.

It said that according to Jusuf, Anwar had contacted him before the general election to obtain an agreement from Najib to respect the people's decision, which was agreed to by the prime minister.

"However, Anwar refused to do so as he alleged that there had been foul play in the election process.

"Therefore, Anwar's statement of an effort to form a unity government is just a 'creation and invention' for the interest of the opposition pact, especially for its leader," the statement said.

The PMO also said any discussion on the topic could not take place until Anwar and the rest of the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leadership accepted the results of the May 5 general election. - August 25, 2013.

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