

**Anwar says 'shock element' in Kajang causing panic in Umno  
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said PKR's "Kajang Move" has Umno panicking over its position in Selangor, but cautioned against being complacent in the run-up to the Kajang by-election.

Anwar said his nomination for the state seat had shocked several BN leaders, leading them to issue statements that Umno's position was under threat.

"The shock element of the Kajang Move has caused Umno to panic. We must not be complacent as we have to be wary of external sabotage," Anwar said during a ceramah last night in Kajang.

"Former Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin who is sleeping has also woken up to oppose me. Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has also declared that I cannot contest in Kajang.

"Dr Mahathir is already 87 years old, but when he hears my name, he also gets scared," Anwar said.

"Why is he scared, his son is the richest Malay in Malaysia," said Anwar, referring to a report in the Malaysian Business placing Mokhzani Mahathir among the top 10 richest individuals in the country.

Yesterday, BN announced MCA vice-president Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun to challenge Anwar for the seat.

The Kajang by-election was sparked by the resignation of its incumbent, PKR's Lee Chin Cheh, in what has come to be known as the "Kajang move" to make way for Anwar to enter the Selangor state assembly, amid the public squabbling between Selangor Menteri besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim and PKR state chief Azmin Ali.

But Anwar said the by-election was an opportunity to take Umno head-on, saying that MCA was just a passenger.

"Whoever BN has named, that is their business. We just want to let you know we are not fighting MCA, the real power is the Umno leaders.

"MCA is just hitching a ride, they do not dare to voice their opinion," Anwar said.

Anwar, the Permatang Pauh MP, has also criticised the Election Commission (EC) for setting March 11 as nomination day, saying he was scheduled to speak in Parliament on that day.

"I will still go to Parliament after the nomination of candidates," he added.

The EC has set March 23 for polling, with early voting fixed for March 19.

Last May, Lee won the seat with 19,571 votes, defeating MCA's Lee Ban Seng who got 12,747 votes, Mohamad Ismail of Berjasa (1,014 votes), and three other independent candidates.

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