

Anwar: Why interview me? I'm not the PM
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First it was CNN, then a UK news organisation and after that, the Chinese press, said Anwar Ibrahim, claiming that the foreign media is making a beeline to interview him over the disappearance of MH370.

Touching on this at a ceramah in Kajang last night, the opposition leader said he was perplexed at the media spotlight trailing him instead of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak on this matter.

"I asked them (the foreign media), why interview me? I am not the prime minister. They replied, 'We want answers'," he added.

Since the Beijing-bound Boeing 777 vanished from radar screens on March 8, the Malaysian government has come under intense criticism for its handling of the crisis.

Anwar, too, has joined the brickbat bandwagon, taking Najib and his ministers to task.

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In an interview with CNN yesterday, Anwar who is also Permatang Pauh MP, said the Malaysian radar system should have been able to detect the missing aircraft.

He had then recalled that when he was deputy prime minister, Malaysia had purchased a Marconi radar system considered to be among the most effective in the world for the northern region of Malaysia.

Anwar then chastised his opponents for accusing him of "politicising" the MH370 incident in his media blitz.

"They (BN) are angry that I am being interviewed. (They say) who is Anwar? But everyone wants information," he said.

Najib's administration has not only come under criticism from the international media, but also domestically. Opposition MPs had been disgruntled being left out of a briefing to parliamentarians on the MH370 incident

Acting Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein had **defended** the briefing only for BN MPs, saying the opposition did not ask for one and that he was prepared to do so, if requested.

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