

## **Not fit to be PM if Malay, Islamic agendas ignored - Anwar**

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IPOH, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- PKR president-elect Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pointed out that he is not fit to become prime minister if he ignores the agenda for the Malays and Islamic religion.

He said the differences from the aspects of race and religious beliefs would not be an obstacle to him at all in implementing justice for the other races in Malaysia.

"I will defend the Malay interest so that they will not be left out, poor and without major business opportunities in the urban areas.

"I will also continue to look after the interests of those people who gave their confidence and support to us including the Indians, Chinese and other races," he said at the "Amanat Perdana Malaysia Baharu" (New Malaysia Premier Message) at the Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) Auditorium, here today.

He said the PKR would also continue to absorb the Islamic concept in the party, however it would never be made as an immunity and an advantage to step on party members from the other races.

"We will not use Islam to pressure the other people or to use Islamic interpretation merely to punish other people. Our Islamic ideology is for missionary work, to give awareness on interpretation and the true syariah understanding," he said.

Anwar, who is also the PKR candidate for the Port Dickson by-election said that his stand and that of Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the issues of lesbianism, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) were in tandem.

"We are Malaysians who understand religion and we do not agree on marriages between the same sex, only that the media try to pit us (by reporting that) the prime minister did not agree with LGBT, Anwar said we review the law on sodomy," he said.

Anwar said the law on sodomy was brought by the British to India during the colonial era and then Malaysia took the law and brought it into the country.

"To me the law is not fair and should be reviewed, so it is to pit me against Tun Mahathir . Everyday it is shown that what I say that can cause enmity between Tun Mahathir and me," he added.

Anwar said he and Tun Dr Mahathir were in agreement to save the country from being robbed by previous leaders.

"Now I want the pact to be successful, the pact between Anwar, Mahathir and the parties in Pakatan Harapan to save the country from destruction that the Barisan Nasional had done," he added.

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