

PM vows no compromise for leaders who plunder nation's wealth
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PRIME Minister Anwar Ibrahim said in no terms will he make compromises when it comes to saving the people from individuals who plunder the nation's wealth.

Anwar said he has instructed the government to save the country from leaders who enriched themselves by stealing from the nation's coffers.

"That is my pledge, for better or worse, I will face it. If you want to bring me down because I fight corruption, by all means, but I am never going to compromise when it comes to cleaning up the country and saving the people from those who rob the nation.

"These are not small amounts (stolen), with government leaders, ministers and state executive councillors involved. I have instructed the MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) to act against anyone who commits corruption, especially those who keep doing it despite already being warned," he said when launching the "Semarak Tambun Cinta Al-Quran" and breaking of fast event at the Al-Ittihadiah Mosque in Ipoh today.

Anwar also said he was not involved in the court case involving former Perlis Menteri Besar Azlan Man.

"When we take action (against corruption), we are (perceived to be) oppressive. It is not me who is taking action against the former Perlis Menteri Besar. I am not investigating the case or the one who lodged a report with the MACC and police," he said.

Azlan today pleaded not guilty in the Sessions Court with five counts of submitting false claims of more than RM1.18 million between 2013 and

2017.

Anwar said as an example, the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) must not spare wealthy individuals when it comes to collecting taxes in an effort to save the country from losing revenue.

“The Inland Revenue Board collects taxes from all, but individuals with billions (in assets) do not pay up, or even when they do, they pay small amounts. Regular income earners, however, are expected to pay their taxes, so this is where we must rectify things.

“What do these things have to do with Ramadan? Ramadan is about self-discipline, values and morals which I am manifesting as Madani,” he said. – Bernama, April 10, 2023.

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