

PM reminds leaders in power not to let people down

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IPOH: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today reminded leaders not to forget the people and their hardships while they are in power.

Inspired by his favourite Tamil song, from the movie 'Naan Aanaiyittal' starring famous Tamil actor MG Ramachandran or MGR, he said the lyric of the song tells that once one has power, they should not let the people down.

He said this after the song was played as he walked into SJKT Klebang here to celebrate the Tambun Parliamentary Ponggal celebration.

Anwar who is the Tambun Member of Parliament continued with the song briefly before his speech saying it was his favourite.

"I always remind my friends. When we have the power, we should use that for the people. It's okay if politicians are criticised, what is important is we need to save this country, we need to save the people, not only those at the top.

"This is a rich country with a lot of resources but why do the rich become richer and the poor become poorer? Because they have stolen the money and the contract given.

"I don't care. I will use my power to save this country. Don't steal, give aid to the rakyat," he said as the 1,000 people in attendance applauded.

Anwar said people at the top were the ones who always caused trouble making those below to fight with each other.

"The Malays are told to fight against the Chinese, the Chinese against the Indians. Nobody benefits from these racial fights, only the people lose in the end," he said.

Anwar as such stressed that it was paramount to embrace the Madani Nation concept so that the country would progress.

"On Feb 24, I will re-table the budget and my priority is for unity, food security and safety.

What is important is that I want to save this country from 'big people' stealing money from the people.

"I will try my best and if we can save this, we will return the money to the people," he said.

Anwar said since his administration of the country, more investors from the United States, Europe, China and India had shown keen interest in investing in Malaysia.

Anwar said it was indeed good news for the country and the people, as with more investment, the country would progress and directly would help the people.

"But we need to remember, if we don't change our ways, we will face bigger problems," he said.