



OPEN AND FORMAL CHALLENGE TO PM ANWAR IBRAHIM TO NAME ME OR WITHDRAW HIS ALLEGATIONS WITHIN 48 HOURS

I refer to report carried today by The Star.com quoting **Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim as making allegations against a former Minister, accusing that individual of stoking racial tensions and of claiming that Hindus are not allowed to practise their religion in Malaysia, that Hindus are being murdered, and that the Prime Minister is questioning the rights of other races.**

Let me state this plainly: **these allegations are of the most serious nature imaginable.** They allege racial incitement, religious falsehoods, and conduct capable of destabilising national security and public order. When such accusations are made by a sitting Prime Minister, they are not political commentary—they are **assertions of fact carrying grave legal consequences.**

From the context and content of the Prime Minister's remarks, the clear insinuation is that I am the former Minister being referred to.

If that is the case, then the Prime Minister has crossed a very serious line.

To accuse a former Minister of stoking racial hatred and propagating claims of religious persecution and murder is not mere rhetoric. **If true, such conduct would amount to criminal offences under Malaysian law and would warrant immediate police arrest, investigation and prosecution.** If untrue, the Prime Minister's remarks constitute **reckless defamation, abuse of power, and a deliberate attempt to damage reputation/character assassination through innuendo rather than evidence.**

The Prime Minister cannot be permitted to **hide behind ambiguity, implication, or political cowardice.** The office he holds carries with it a duty of accuracy, restraint, and accountability. Anonymous accusations from the Prime Minister's office are unacceptable in a democracy governed by the rule of law.

Accordingly, I hereby issue a **public and formal challenge** to the Prime Minister to state, **clearly and unequivocally**, whether I am the former Minister he was referring to.

I am granting the Prime Minister **48 hours** to respond. Ordinarily, 24 hours would suffice. However, given the gravity of the accusations and their potential legal ramifications, I am extending a further 24 hours to allow him adequate time to consult his legal advisers before confirming his position.

If the Prime Minister was referring to me, he must say so openly and **produce the evidence upon which his allegations are based.**

If the Prime Minister was **not** referring to me, then he is under an immediate obligation to **publicly identify the former Minister concerned.** The allegations he has made are so

serious that failure to name the individual amounts to **irresponsible governance and a dereliction of duty**.

Let me be absolutely clear: **baseless allegations of racial incitement and religious persecution made by the Prime Minister are not protected by office, power, or political speech**. No one—least of all the Prime Minister—is above the law.

Malaysia deserves leadership that speaks with facts, not fear; with evidence, not insinuation.

The Prime Minister must now decide whether he stands by his words—or retreats from them.

The 48 hours commence now.

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