

Anwar: We're still a team

PKR president assures Azmin there is no problem between them

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PORT DICKSON: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim says he is prepared to work with Datuk Seri Azmin Ali as a team and they should have regular meetings and discussions.

Apparently buoyed by the overwhelming support he received at the party's leadership retreat here, the PKR president said there was no problem (between him and Azmin) and that they were still a team.

"Azmin is the deputy president. We need to work as a team, (have) regular meetings and discussions.

"There is no problem, it is still a team," he said at the end of the three-day retreat yesterday.

Azmin tweeted on Saturday that he had taken note of Anwar's acceptance in regard to the police investigations into the gay sex video controversy.

"After looking at Anwar's full statement, I acknowledge his stand that he has accepted findings of the investigation announced by the IGP that cleared me of any involvement in the defamatory video," he wrote.

Anwar also played down the absence of several PKR leaders including Azmin from the inaugural retreat, saying that the majority of them had given legitimate reasons.



In the spotlight: Anwar speaking at the PKR retreat in Port Dickson alongside Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and other party leaders and members.

"Those who attended came to discuss and signed (the resolution). Those who did not attend can sign it later.

"We need to give space to those who did not attend to read the resolution first," he said.

The retreat concluded with a resolution to fully support Anwar as the president who will lead and direct PKR as the main party in

Pakatan Harapan in line with the party's constitution.

Some 120 out of 140 PKR elected representatives, comprising the party's central leadership, lawmakers, senators and state assemblymen, signed the resolution.

It noted that the retreat held discussions in an open and transparent manner to achieve the resolution.

It also pledged to strengthen PKR

as the main multiracial national party based on the principle of the Federal Constitution and to ensure Pakatan's election manifesto was fully implemented.

Anwar, who is also Port Dickson MP, acknowledged that there were problems in all parties including PKR but the majority of members wanted to move on.

"What is critical to my mind is that the spirit and the consensus built here is that people want to move on.

"These problems are actually minor and exaggerated to a large extent and being highlighted," he said without elaborating.

"The good work done by Pakatan and the party in articulating the reform agenda in parliament has not necessarily been largely ignored, but not given prominence."

Anwar also said the retreat had given the opportunity for leaders to vent out their views, ideas as well as criticisms.

"The majority wants us to remain true to our ideals and struggle and to move on to champion the cause of the rakyat," he said.

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