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'We are a team'

Anwar says he has no problem working with Azmin

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PORT DICKSON: PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim pledged yesterday to work "as a team" with his No. 2, Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

He told a press conference that like him, Mohamed Azmin was elected to his post as PKR deputy president and he would not have any problems working with him.

Anwar and Mohamed Azmin were elected to the top two PKR posts at the party elections in November last year.

Earlier, Anwar cemented his No. 1 position in PKR when about 120 of the estimated 140 members of the central party leadership, who were present at a three-day retreat, resolved to endorse him as their leader.

Anwar's move to extend an olive branch came amid growing discontent within PKR over the differences between the two leaders pertaining to the emergence of a sex video implicating Mohamed Azmin,



Anwar and PKR leaders at a press conference after the retreat in Port Dickson yesterday. – **BBXPIX**

who is the Economic Affairs minister.

"Azmin is the deputy president. We need to work as a team, to conduct regular meetings and discussions," Anwar said.

"There's no problem, it is still a team."

In a resolution, the party leaders made a commitment to strengthen PKR based on the principles of its constitution.

"We hereby give our full support to party president Anwar to lead the party to be the cornerstone of Pakatan Harapan, in line with all the provisions as contained in the party's constitution."

Among the notable absentees at the retreat were Mohamed Azmin and his allies, PKR vicepresident Zuraida Kamaruddin and the party's Sarawak chief, Baru Bian.

Last Wednesday, Mohamed Azmin told Anwar "to look himself in the mirror" after Anwar urged him to resign from his positions should he be found to be involved in the video.

Anwar later downplayed the exchange between the pair, claiming his deputy was going through a tough time, and probably did not fully comprehend his remarks.

On Saturday, Anwar said he was glad that the investigation by police on the video confirmed that Mohamed Azmin was not featured in the video, and that action would be taken against those involved in spreading them.