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Anwar urges civil servants to join him in bringing change, curb leakages and prevent corruption

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has pledged to bring an end to the culture of approving government procurements without tender.

He said the unity government under his leadership would not allow leakages or corruption to continue.

"Approval and procurements without tender should no longer be allowed to prevent corruption from taking place. This cannot and should not happen any more at all levels.

"The people are waiting for changes to happen. As such, I invite all civil servants to be with me, as a strong team, and bring

about these changes for the sake of the nation," he said at the monthly gathering with 340 staff members of the Prime Minister's Department at Dataran Perdana Putra here yesterday.

Present were Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and Attorney-General Tan Sri Idrus Harun.

The prime minister reiterated his stance that he would not allow his family members or close friends to be given government projects.

"This country needs a change. The damage done was not (solely) because of civil servants but instead due to the weaknesses of its leaders as well.

"We were once at the top and achieved tremendous success. But this has regressed (over time) in terms of our economy, stability and discipline due to violations of law and fraud cases involving leaders and civil servants.

"Hence, I hope we can bring this spirit together to change the country for the better," he said.

Anwar also urged public servants to change their mindset in the manner they operate. This, he said, was essential as the civil administration was the nation's pil-



lar, upholding its system through laws and regulations.

Anwar said he would use his experience in helming the Youth and Sports, Agriculture, Education and Finance Ministries in the past to advise his incoming cabinet colleagues to respect and listen to the views of public servants, especially those with vast experience in their respective areas.

Anwar said the civil service should be independent and professional in serving the people. He also hoped for civil servants to be disciplined and to draw