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PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has called for an end to the continuous political squabbling over race and territories, and instead, to find a solution for the sake of national unity in order to develop the country.

The Prime Minister said if such matter can be achieved, with the help of all parties, the country would see better growth and become more prominent at the

international level.

"This isn't a matter only for the prime minister, ministers or state government but everyone, from fishermen and smallholders, both the government and private sector. Thanks to our unified efforts, we have achieved 5.9% growth, better than many other Asian countries," he said.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said this at the launch of

the Bumiputra Economic Transformation Plan 2035 (PuTERA35) yesterday.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli and other Cabinet ministers.

The plan, themed "Meaningful Bumiputra Participation, Ownership and Mastery", was aimed at strengthening bumiputra contri-

butions through a more integrated approach.

Anwar said although he rarely spoke about bumiputra economic issues and policies, he admitted that he was more interested in ensuring all its implementation than publicising such policies.

He also said all ministries should find a new approach to help the bumiputra community.

"It is no longer just the affairs of

this ministry or that department.

"I would like to thank the Cabinet for being open on this matter," he added.

Anwar also said he had suggested to government-linked investment companies like Khazanah Nasional to train qualified non-bumiputras and successful non-bumiputra companies to train young bumiputras as a joint national effort to ensure their success.