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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A political analyst has hit out at opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for his fresh attempt at politicising the Lahad Datu stand-off, while reiterating the call for political parties to remain bipartisan.

Anwar yesterday claimed that the followers of the armed intruders' leader Jamalul Kiram III were "card-carrying members of Umno" and called a special parliamentary sitting to be held to explain the matter.

Universiti Utara Malaysia Professor Datuk Dr Mustafa Ishak said the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) de facto leader was pulling out all the stops to link Umno with the intruders.

"And it does not matter if they are Umno, Pas, DAP or PKR members. What they are doing now has nothing to do with that; they are threatening the nation's security.

"Anwar and his cohorts should just stop trying to politicise everything to score some political mileage."

Anwar, who was Barisan Nasional election director for Sabah's state election in 1994, claimed the parliamentary sitting would "clear the air" on these "Sulu Umno members".

"The parliamentary sitting will give Najib the 'chance' to explain that these people are Umno members, and that their representatives of Sulu sultan (Jamalul) and his family members are card-carrying members as well.

"And until today, this matter has yet to be explained, on their connection (with Umno)," claimed Anwar at a press conference.

However, he ended the conference abruptly, prompting many questions from journalists on the basis of his allegations.

Anwar had also refused to comment on Lim Kit Siang's candidacy in Gelang Patah which was announced on Monday, while questions related to Johor PKR chief Datuk Chua Jui Meng were ignored.