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First day as acting PM in Sarawak

KUCHING, Thurs. - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's first day as acting Prime Minister on Monday will be spent in Sarawak.

He will be involved in three functions before returning to the Federal capital the next day.

He will perform the earth-breaking ceremony for a multi-million ringgit housing project in Kota Samarahan, 30km from the city.

The proposed People's Housing Scheme, which will be implemented by the Sarawak Housing Development Commission, is a 10-year project which will see the construction of between 14,000 and 15,000 houses.

Clearing of the site began recently. Phase One, covering 202ha, will see the construction of 898 low-cost and 662 medium-cost houses; 1,240 flats for Universiti Malaysia Sarawak students; 272 semi-detached houses and 132 bungalows; shophouses and a shopping complex.

Anwar is also to open the recently-completed Sekolah Menengah Bantuan Agama Islam at Samariang.

He will also witness the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Cahya Mata Sarawak and the Employee's Provident Fund for the construction of the proposed Bandar Samariang new township.

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