

PM: Cabinet line-up to be announced this evening

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Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim will announce his cabinet line-up this evening.

In his speech at an event in Tambun, Perak this afternoon, the 10th premier said he has presented the names of ministers to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong when he had an audience with the monarch earlier today.

"I have decided to present (the list of names) to Tuanku, and God willing, I will announce the cabinet line-up this evening," Anwar said in his speech during a kenduri rakyat (feast for the people) event.

According to the premier, he had discussed with Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah several times to make sure that the cabinet can be formed as soon as possible.

He said there were hundreds who are qualified to be in the cabinet, but only a small number could make it to the list.

"Because we do not want too many ministers and special ambassadors with minister's rank.

"Because we want to save the country's money to give back to the rakyat," he added.

It is understood that the announcement will be held at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya after 4pm.

However, the Prime Minister's Office did not state a specific time for the announcement and instead told the media to stand by at the press hall by 4pm.

On his new cabinet, Anwar said that he will call for a special meeting this Monday to brief its members on "special rules".

The rules include how they should treat the civil service, ways to handle policy announcements, and how to save taxpayers' money.

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