

PM launches Madani discount card for one million union workers

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One million union members will receive discounts of up to 30 percent from over 100 companies offering essential goods and services through the Madani Workers' Card initiative.

Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim announced the initiative when delivering a message in conjunction with the 2025 National Labour Day celebration at Axiata Arena, Bukit Jalil today.

"The Madani Workers' Card will provide discounts to union members. This is in appreciation of workers for their hard work in carrying out their duties and trust," he said.

Among the companies involved in offering access to the discounts are AEON, Mydin, Jakel, Marrybrown, Genting, Old Town White Coffee, Zus Coffee, Socar and Bateriku.

He said further details about the Madani Workers' Card would be announced in a

media statement soon.

Anwar has pledged that all issues concerning the welfare and rights of gig workers will be promptly addressed through the introduction of a new legislative framework.

He said the Gig Workers Bill will be tabled during the upcoming session of the Dewan Rakyat.

The prime minister stressed that there are still several shortcomings that need to be rectified, particularly in terms of ensuring adequate protection for those in the gig economy.

“Insya-Allah, the challenges faced by gig workers will be addressed through the Gig Workers Bill, which will be tabled at the next Parliament session,” he said.

Also present at the event were Deputy Prime Ministers Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Fadillah Yusof, Human Resources Minister Steven Sim, Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil and other cabinet ministers.

Chief Secretary to the Government Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar and secretaries-general of ministries, as well as heads of agencies, including Bernama chief executive officer Nur-ul Afida Kamaludin, were in attendance.

Support govt's efforts

Earlier, Sim revealed that the bill was finally completed following a series of engagement sessions involving over 3,000 gig workers across the country.

In his opening speech, Sim urged all parties to support the government's efforts in passing the bill.

"I call on everyone to not stand in the way of the government's mission to safeguard the welfare of gig workers. Support the Gig Workers Bill so we can better protect their rights," he said.

Sim also announced that the Human Resources Ministry will set up a One-Stop Worker Service Centre aimed at streamlining access to services related to labour issues.

He said the initiative will consolidate multiple government departments and agencies under one roof for greater efficiency, with the pilot project to involve the opening of three centres located in Penang, the Klang Valley, and Johor Bahru.

This year's Labour Day celebration, themed "Pekerja Kesuma Bangsa" drew over 10,000 participants from various sectors, including both public and private agencies.

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