



Wan Azizah greets attendees at the "An Evening With The Deputy Prime Minister" event in Taman Guar Perahu yesterday. – **BERNAMAPIX**

Not easy to repair 60-year-old system: Wan Azizah Pg. 2

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PERMATANG PAUH: Efforts to repair a 60-year system left behind by the previous government were not easy and the new government needs time to do it, according to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail yesterday.

She said for 60 years Malaysia was administered by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government and after Pakatan Harapan (PH) took over, the country was burdened with huge debts.

"For 60 years, there was no change in the government. When we took over, we do not have enough funds. This is facts ... the debts, if we don't pay, we will be a country that is bankrupt.

"We (PH government) are only eight-months-old, it is not easy to repair an old system. This is not an excuse. We make efforts by holding meetings, setting up committees, on how we can reduce the living cost that we feel is burdening the people," she said at the "An Evening With The Deputy Prime Minister" event here.

Wan Azizah, who is also PH

president, admitted to weaknesses in the new government with most of its cabinet members being new faces with no experience in the country's administration.

"The government has its weaknesses. I admit, we are not perfect ... our cabinet members are new, except for (Prime Minister) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and (Home Minister) Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. (Finance Minister) Lim Guan Eng and (Economic Affairs Minister) Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali have experience administering a state.

"Other than them, they are all new faces. We have to be realistic. However, we will try to rectify the situation," she added.

Wan Azizah said she and her family were grateful to the people of Permatang Pauh for always supporting them, beginning with her husband, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who is also PKR president, and now their daughter and current MP, Nurul Izzah Anwar.

"I'll never forget the deeds of the Permatang Pauh people. I am indebted to them," – Bernama