

Avoid high-risk spots during rainy season, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged all parties to be vigilant and avoid high-risk locations during the northeast monsoon season.

He said local governments had been instructed to monitor and improve safety at all tourist spots.

"The Malaysian Meteorological Department had provided an up-

date that continuous rains are expected in the east coast of the peninsula and east Sabah starting on Saturday (Dec 17)," he said when tabling a special motion at the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Anwar expressed his appreciation and gratitude to all agencies that were involved in search-and-rescue operations for the Batang Kali landslide victims, particularly the Fire and Rescue Depart-

ment, police, Malaysian Armed Forces, Civil Defence Force and People's Volunteers Corps.

He also thanked other agencies that provided help in the operation, such as the Health Ministry, Information Department, Welfare Department, Mineral and Geoscience Department, Works Department, Hulu Selangor Municipal Council, Selangor government and Telekom Malaysia.