

# Cabinet will get to work urgently, says PM

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has chaired his first Cabinet meeting and directed his ministers to resolve issues affecting the people, particularly the cost of living, as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister described the meeting as productive and harmonious.

He also indicated that the appointment of deputy ministers would be made soon.

“God willing, candidates for deputy ministers will be finalised soon,” he posted on Facebook yesterday.

On Dec 2, Anwar unveiled his 28-member Cabinet, though he did not name any deputy ministers.

On Monday, he chaired a special meeting with his ministers, where they agreed to a 20% pay cut until

Malaysia’s economy recovers.

The Prime Minister said this was part of their gesture in acknowledging the tough times faced by many people currently.

Meanwhile, Anwar also held a meeting with Bilal Erdogan, son of Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Anwar, in a post on Facebook, said the meeting on Tuesday was in conjunction with Bilal’s visit to

Kuala Lumpur.

“God willing, bilateral ties between Malaysia and Turkiye will continue to strengthen,” Anwar said.

Bilal, a businessman, is the second son of Erdogan.

Erdogan was one of the first world leaders to convey his congratulations to Anwar after the latter was sworn in as the 10th Prime Minister on Nov 24.