

# Anwar announces 20% pay cut for ministers

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**PETALING JAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced a range of decisions that were made in line with his promise of providing good governance.

Among others, he announced that Cabinet members would take a 20% pay cut.

"This will continue until the economy improves. If the economy recovers in three years, then we will review this decision.

"I appreciate my Cabinet colleagues' willingness to make this sacrifice. Some people say that Anwar is not taking his salary as prime minister because he is getting paid as finance minister. It is

► PM expresses appreciation to Cabinet for acceptance of initiative, that will be maintained 'until economy improves'

not true. There is only one salary."

He was speaking at a media conference after a special Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Anwar also said Deputy Prime Minister 1 Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi will be the chairman of the Disaster Management Committee for flood preparations, and will focus on issues in Peninsular Malaysia.

He added that Deputy Prime Minister 2 Datuk Seri Fadhillah Yusof has been tasked with focusing

on issues in Sabah and Sarawak.

"Fadhillah is also tasked with ensuring that all pending Malaysia Agreement 1963 matters are expedited."

On the 5G network, Anwar instructed the rollout to be reviewed to ensure that the relevant parties involved have followed procedures.

"I have instructed that it be reviewed because the whole process was not carried out transparently, and with no proper

tender. Therefore, we need to review it."

On police investigations into sensitive racial and religious issues that were played up by certain quarters on social media, Anwar clarified that the probe was not carried out on orders by his government.

The Cabinet meeting yesterday had a full attendance except for International and Trade Industry Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, who is reported to be in Qatar.

The Cabinet line-up, comprising two deputy prime ministers and 28 ministers, was announced on Friday by Anwar.

Most of the Cabinet members clocked in at their offices yesterday before attending the meeting.