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PM: I WAS NOT CONSULTED ON GIANT MADANI BILLBOARDS

**Anwar says he
ordered a halt on
work on new
billboards**

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said he was not consulted about giant outdoor bill-

boards featuring him, which have been spotted across the country. Anwar said the Madani government billboards were erected by a federal department using an allocation approved under the previous administration.

“I was on my way to Alor Star yesterday (Friday) when I was informed about the billboards.

“This (plan to erect the bill-

boards) did not receive my consent.

“I have informed the department that there is no need to spend money on them.

“The department replied that it was from an allocation approved before the change of prime minister. I understand the situation, but I believe it is wiser to use the allocation for other purposes.

“I have called an immediate halt to work on new billboards under the allocation.”

He said this on the sidelines of the Malaysia Madani Aidilfitri open house at the Raia Hotel and Convention Centre here yesterday.

He added that the instruction was in line with the Madani government’s policy.

“I don’t want this practice to continue. That is the stand of the Madani government.

“Government funds should not be used for giant billboards. What we have is enough. We don’t need to add more.”