

'PM KEEN TO UPLIFT THE POOR'

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim deserves credit for taking the right steps to improve people's

income, said former Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) president Syed Shahir Syed Mohamud.

Syed Shahir hoped Anwar's bold steps would yield the targeted results, uplifting workers.

"He is the first prime minister

in a long time to have been so concerned about the plight of the lower-income group.

"That, too, in spite of the onslaught he is facing from people like former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Anwar is keen to upgrade the

quality of life of the lower-income group. He deserves the support of Malaysians," he said.

The government is planning to introduce a proposed progressive wage policy that will complement the minimum wage structure.

Anwar had said that it would be voluntary in nature, incentive-based and productivity-linked.

The policy will serve as a shift towards recovering the labour market, which can be enhanced with a more balanced wage distribution.