

# No more excuses for Sabah project delays: PM

**TENOM:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said there should be no more excuses for delays in the development of projects in Sabah, especially pertaining to water

and electricity.

He said the delayed Ulu Padas Hydroelectric Dam project, if expedited, would be able to provide electricity and water supply for

the people.

"Delayed projects have two consequences. The cost will be increased and the hope of the people who longed (to enjoy) the

benefits, especially electricity and water supply, will be crushed.

"This (dam project) is urgent and critical, so let's get it done faster," he said when officiating at the ground-breaking ceremony for the project yesterday.

Also present were Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor, Deputy Chief Minister I Datuk Seri Dr Jeffrey Kitingan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah, Sarawak Affairs and Special Functions) Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, and Sabah Energy Corporation Sdn Bhd chairman Datuk Annuar Ayub.

The Ulu Padas Hydroelectric Dam, which is expected to be completed in 2029 at a cost of RM4 billion, has a power supply capacity of 187.5 megawatts. A study is also underway for water supply of 6,000 million litres per day.

Anwar said the Sabah Pan Borneo Highway project is also facing delays due to contractor issues and political interference.

"These issues need to be swiftly resolved to provide the best transport facilities for the people."

Anwar said apart from benefiting the people, the facilities were also crucial in attracting investors. - Bernama



Anwar arriving at Dataran Buhanan Square, Penampang in Sabah to officiate at the Hawkers and Small Traders Carnival yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**