

Cabinet, civil servants must work as a team: Anwar

PUTRAJAYA: Cabinet and civil servants have been told to work as a team and to inculcate trust in the work culture, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

At a monthly meeting with staff of the Prime Minister's Department for February yesterday, Anwar said the relevant elements need to be applied in an effort to be free from any wrongdoings that have occurred or could occur, Bernama reported.

He acknowledged that there was seriousness in the teamwork shown by the Cabinet and civil servants over the past few months such as in the management of foreign workers as well as the floods and the immediate deployment of the Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (SMART) to Turkiye.

"There is goodwill from the leadership and the civil servants, to take steps immediately and responsibly," he said at the

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gathering, which was held in an indoor venue at the Dewan Seri Endon in Puspanitapuri instead of being held at Dataran Perdana.

Also present were the two Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

Anwar also expressed confidence that the Cabinet lineup under the unity government was capable of bringing about change and working as a team to raise the country's dignity in line with the concept of Malaysia Madani.

"Despite diverse backgrounds and ideas, it cannot be denied that unity of thought and determination exists. This is (due

to) the fact that we work as a team," he said.

He also called for the civil servants' commitment and enthusiasm to implement changes to drive the country in a better direction.

"There are people who say I shouldn't mention old issues, but the country's image, the country's economy and the wrongdoings that have happened cannot be denied, and there must be new strength and determination from all."

The concept of Malaysia Madani was introduced by Anwar on Jan 19, based on six pillars, namely sustainability, prosperity, innovation, respect, trust

and compassion.

Meanwhile, Anwar urged all ministries and agencies to improve their respective operational efficiency in every aspect involving the people.

He said the current challenge is to raise the dignity of the country's administration to a higher and commendable level.

He added that the sincerity of leaders and civil servants in carrying out their duties can free the people from all forms of oppression.

"The responsibility of leaders and civil servants is also to free the people from all forms of oppression; the people who have been fooled up to the stage that their rights were being ignored."

Anwar said there was still negligence at the enforcement level and it needed to be fixed immediately.

"If you have to line up for hours to obtain any licence, for me, it needs to be fixed."