

'MALAYSIA MADANI' FOR HUMANE GOVERNANCE

Concept envisages people and leaders with good values, and fair and effective govt

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday introduced the Malaysia Madani concept aimed at spurring the country forward and restoring its dignity and glory on the international stage.

Madani is a Malay word derived from Arabic that means civilised. Madani in the concept is a Malay-language acronym when translated to English becomes Script, which stands for sustainability, care and compassion, respect, innovation, prosperity and trust. Malaysia Madani replaces former prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob's "Keluarga Malaysia" slogan.

Malaysia Madani lays out Anwar's vision for a civilised, skilled and inclusive society based on the above six core values.

Anwar called on his cabinet and civil servants to practise these core values in all administrative affairs.

He said the government would restructure the country's economy based on three main strategies to eradicate poverty, restructure and restore the economy and to generate the economy anchored on the concept of Malaysia Madani.

He said the nation's economic expansion and growth should be achieved in a compassionate or humane way that prioritises the people's needs.

Malaysia Madani would be driven by four main strategies: rebuilding the economy, guaranteeing wellbeing of the people, reforming democratic and legal institutions, and establishing a trustworthy administration.

Anwar said the government's vision of Malaysia Madani represented the shared trust between the government and people based on transparency and cooperation.

He said the word madani, which had been used by prominent thinkers, called on all



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launching the Malaysia Madani concept at Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

Malaysians, including the leaders in the unity government, to restore and uphold the dignity of the people based on trust, good values and morals as well as fair and effective governance.

"I am confident that Malaysia will rise again on the world stage... We don't want Malaysia to be polluted with scandals, problems and conflicts.

"Malaysia Madani will restore Malaysia's right to be known and respected as a prosperous nation," he said when delivering his mandate themed "Developing Malaysia Madani" at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre.

Present were Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, and members of his cabinet.

Touching on the revised 2023 Budget which will be tabled in Parliament on Feb 24, Anwar said some of the measures to be included were in line in the Madani concept such as speeding up approvals and barring undeserved commissions.

He said this would boost confidence in the administration as it establishes a system that did not pressure individuals or factions that did not support the government.

"This is what is referred to as a government machinery that is responsible in implementing policies, functioning optimally and solving governance issues with

coordination but it must start from the top."

Anwar insisted that the humanitarian aspect should always be taken into account when driving the country's growth.

He said leaders at all levels should learn from the past and act appropriately to meet current demands.

The prime minister said the unity government needed to lay a new foundation and culture and do away with things that had a bad impact on the country.

"Open our hearts, save our country. This country of ours once had very good potential but has hit rock bottom.

"I do not want to bring up past experiences. Of course, there were strengths and weaknesses, regardless of the bloc and party.

"Whatever that is good we will continue, but all the weaknesses must be stopped...(and) the biggest weakness is the way of governance, which enriches small groups," he said.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim launching the Malaysia Madani concept at Putrajaya International Convention Centre yesterday. With him are Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (second from left) and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof (third from right), and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali (second from right).