

PM: WE CAN SAVE RM6 BILLION

Anwar says cabinet agrees that govt coffers would be in better shape if weaknesses rectified

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THE government can save RM6 billion if weaknesses detailed in the Auditor General's Report are rectified by political leaders and civil servants, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the cabinet had scrutinised the 2021 Auditor's General report on Wednesday and it concluded that the country's cof-

fers could have been in way better shape if weaknesses identified in the report were rectified.

"If the political leaders and civil servants can improve on all the weaknesses as stated repeatedly in the report by the auditor general, I believe that we can save up to RM6 billion," he said in his speech here yesterday after launching the Malaysia Madani concept to drive and restore the country's dignity and glory in the global arena.

The concept was launched in

conjunction with the discourse on developing a Madani nation at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre here.

Madani is the Malay acronym for SCRIPT, which stands for sustainability, care and compassion, respect, innovation, prosperity, and trust.

Anwar said the savings were estimated based on the report, studies on big projects and the role of enforcement agencies.

If the projects were carried out carefully, transparently and re-

sponsibly, billions of ringgit could be saved, he said.

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could only be achieved with good governance.

Therefore, he said, all the measures to be announced on the

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Anwar said a sustainable economy



The cover of the 2021 Auditor General's Report. FILE PIC

tabling of the revised 2023 Budget on Feb 24 would see the administration returning to basics; increasing the speed of approvals and putting a stop to soliciting commissions from projects.

In his speech, Anwar also stated that the absence of a transparent control of political power, as well as good governance, would cause the people to suffer.

He said without a people-centric economy, the privatisation of government projects would result only in much losses to the people.