

**RETABLING ON FEB 24**

# 2023 Budget will cater to every income group, community, says PM

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has given the assurance that the 2023 Budget, which will be presented again next month, will meet the needs of every class of people and community group.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the contents of the 2023 Budget were being fine-tuned, but the government, under his administration, would not sideline any party.

“It (2023 Budget) is not ready yet, this is the problem. Sarawak is asking for allocations, Sabah is also asking for allocations.

“Under my administration, the M40 (Middle 40 per cent group) will not be marginalised.

“The B40 (Bottom 40 per cent group) is important, but we will also pay attention to the M40,” he told the Malaysian media here at the end of a two-day visit to Brunei yesterday.



*Patrons at the Bandar Sri Permaisuri hawkers' centre in Kuala Lumpur. The prime minister has given an assurance that the 2023 Budget will not sideline any party, PIC BY ROHANIS SHUKRI*

Present were Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Abang Openg, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir.

The 2023 Budget will be tabled again in Parliament on Feb 24.

Anwar was reported as saying that it (the current administration) would not be bound by what was presented by the previous

government.

However, he said, the recommendations made in the previous budget would be taken into account in the new budget allocations. **Bernama**