

# Start promised projects promptly, ministries told

**GUA MUSANG:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim reminded all ministries and agencies to ensure the immediate implementation of every project announced by the government.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said he did not want projects announced prior to the

state elections to remain unimplemented after the polls.

"Don't announce it during state polls, then forget about it. I don't want that. I want all agencies to monitor their respective projects.

"The announced projects must be implemented, and in the event of a delay, it must be brought to the

attention of the relevant parties for further action."

He was speaking at the Kelantan-level Sentuhan Kasih Desa programme at Dataran Kesedar Paloh 2 yesterday.

Also present was Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Anwar said the projects included road upgrading at several Orang Asli settlements in Kelantan announced by Ahmad Zahid.

He added that the announcement shows the Rural and Regional Development Ministry led by Ahmad Zahid gives high priority to the welfare of the Orang Asli by focusing on solving the problems faced by the community, Bernama reported.

"As the finance minister, I know that the amount is not small. But I hope it can be expedited.

"I have also asked senior officials from agencies related to the projects to provide progress reports from time to time," Anwar said.

Earlier, Ahmad Zahid announced an allocation of RM200 million for road upgrading projects in the Kuala Betis-Pos Balar and Pos Belatim-Kuala Betis-Pos Bihai areas in Gua Musang.

Anwar also urged all parties to focus on problems faced by the Orang Asli community.

"Orang Asli problems are our problems. The Orang Asli family is our family, and Orang Asli children are our children. If you are not satisfied with what the government is doing, give suggestions because the government is not perfect.

"But the government holds the trust and will work as hard as possible to implement change."



Anwar greeting locals after Zohor prayers at Masjid Al-Ghufran in Felda Gua Musang yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**