

# Need for law specific to security in cyberspace, says Anwar

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**PUTRAJAYA:** A law on cybersecurity must be drawn up quickly to ensure all aspects of this issue are complete and in place, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said having a specific law would allow the national Cybersecurity Agency of the National Security Council to have clear powers to monitor and enforce laws pertaining to cybersecurity.

“I want to stress that there will be no compromise on national security. This includes the digital domain and the cyber ecosystem,” he said in a statement yesterday.

Anwar said the national cybersecurity agency had been tasked as the lead agency for mobilising relevant efforts across various government entities and industries.

Entities in the cyber ecosystem would continue with their existing powers that allowed them to carry out their functions and roles, he added.

“At the same time, the functions of several other agencies related to cybersecurity will be streamlined to avoid overlapping functions and to maximise efficiency,” he said.

The Prime Minister said with the digital era throwing different challenges, the entire government machinery must be better prepared to handle cyberthreats.

“This challenge is not just exclusive to Malaysia but is a global issue. This is because the cyberworld and digital communications are part of our lives.

“Therefore, the national cybersecurity committee meeting is unanimous in wanting (such) a Bill,” he added.