

## CONVENTION PROMISE

# Parties have vowed not to try to topple unity govt, says PM

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said political parties in the unity government have pledged not to sabotage his government.

He said the leaders of Pakatan Harapan, Barisan Nasional, Gabungan Parti Sarawak and Gabungan Rakyat Sabah made this commitment at the Unity Government National Convention on Sunday.

"The convention (resolved) that at least for years to come, no attempts of sabotaging will be entertained," he said at the Prime Minister's Department monthly assembly.

The government was now more organised and some of its programmes had strengthened the country, he added.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the political stability had contributed to the better-than-expected gross domestic product growth of 5.6 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

"If you look at the figures from the Statistics Department, the first quarter is much better than what was projected in November and December... inflation de-

creased, the number of unemployed also decreased and investment increased," he said.

On Friday, Anwar said the government was confident of achieving its economic growth forecast of four to five per cent this year despite the global economic challenges, supported by strong economic fundamentals and implementation of the 2023 Budget measures.

He said the increased investment required that all branches of government work together.

"States and municipalities must work together so that approvals can be accelerated. This will ensure that we can maintain a more convincing pace of growth and signal commitment and seriousness," he said.

Anwar had said that investment projects from China involving Zhejiang Geely Holding Group (Geely) and Rongsheng Petrochemical Co were expected to start this month.

Geely's projects are in Pahang and Tanjung Malim, Perak, while Rongsheng's projects are in Pengerang, Johor and in Terengganu. **Bernama**