

# PM: TEACHERS PRIORITISED FOR RAISE

However, this will depend on the trajectory of nation's improving revenue

MELAKA

**T**EACHERS are among the civil servants who will be given priority in receiving increases in allowances and salaries if the country's revenue continues to improve, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He added that the government was aware that apart from teachers, the salaries and allowances of civil servants, such as the police and military, were inadequate.

"In the meantime, we will work to make the economic position more stable and ensure revenue continues to increase.

"I have announced that the priority is for civil servants and teachers, including the police and the military, because we are aware that their allowances and salaries are insufficient. We should give them better treatment," he said after attending the police Aidilfitri open house with the community in the Tangga Batu parliamentary constituency.

Also present were Chief Minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh and Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain.

Anwar said in the 2023 Budget, the Education Ministry received an additional RM2 billion compared with the previous year, with the focus being on fixing dilapidated schools, as well as providing basic facilities and infrastructure for schools.

Earlier, when launching the



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim applauding Tokoh Guru Kebangsaan 2023 recipient Datuk Seri Dr Nuinda Alias and Tokoh Kepimpinan Pendidikan Kebangsaan 2023 recipient Datuk Mazlan Mohamad during the National Teachers Day celebration at the Melaka International Trade Centre, yesterday. With him are Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek (left) and Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh. BERNAMA PIC

2023 National Teachers Day celebration at the Melaka International Trade Centre, the media reported that the prime minister wanted the government to focus on increasing teachers' allowances, but this would be decided once the country's revenue continues to improve.

Anwar also asked the Education Ministry to set up a special task force to find ways to stimulate children's interest in subjects related to science and technology.

He said the world was moving towards green technology — especially in the automotive field

— but based on the latest report he received, children were less interested in the subjects.

"I have asked the education minister to set up a special task force to stimulate the children's interest and enthusiasm not only in learning the normal subjects but also in solving the challenges and exploring new disciplines in science and technology.

"...Because the study found that the interest of children, especially in remote and rural areas as well as the urban poor, has deteriorated... this is a challenge for us and the country in moving towards green technology and

electric cars."

The celebration was also attended by Rauf, Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek and her deputy Lim Hui Ying, and thousands of teachers from across the country.

Meanwhile, Anwar also called on teachers to continue supporting the government's leadership and help boost the people's spirit so that Malaysia could bounce back as a great nation in the region.

"Let's bring this country with the strength of its language, its literature, its cultures, its values and its technologies to be a great

nation in the region.

"*Insyallah*, if the teachers are committed and work a little harder, I'm sure our future will be bright."

At the event, Datuk Seri Dr Nuinda Alias was named the recipient of the Tokoh Guru Kebangsaan 2023 award, and Datuk Mazlan Mohamad received the Tokoh Kepimpinan Pendidikan Kebangsaan 2023 award. **Bernama**

*Page 1 pic: Teacher Abdul Rani Abdul Rahman with his pupils at a primary school in Kuala Lumpur recently.*