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# CRACKING DOWN ON ONLINE SCAMS

PM says steps include changes to Criminal Procedure Code, 24-hour monitoring centre

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**A**MENDING the Criminal Procedure Code and directing all banks to monitor scam activities 24 hours a day are among the steps being taken to address rampant online fraud.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the government had proposed that the Criminal

Procedure Code be amended to allow scam victims to recover their money faster.

He said this could be done with a court bond while the case is ongoing.

“Victims normally have to wait for a long time to get their money back as the court case may drag on,” he said in reply to a supplementary question by Tan Hong Pin (Pakatan Harapan-Bakri) in the Dewan Rakyat during Minister’s Question Time yesterday.

He said Bank Negara Malaysia

had instructed all banks to monitor scams 24 hours a day and move towards automation to ensure victims could stop scammers' online transactions immediately.

He said the National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) would extend its operations to 24 hours daily to help online fraud victims.

“The proposal to increase the NSRC’s operating hours has been accepted.

“Bank Negara has also suggested an automated system to allow victims to stop the (fraudulent) withdrawal of money (from their accounts).”