

PM: Corrupt practices affect the poor, needy

PUTRAJAYA: Corrupt practices, graft and wastage must be stopped as they have distributional effects on the poor and the needy, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Speaking at the Public Service Madani colloquium here, the Prime Minister said wastage resulted in losses of millions of ringgit, and that wasteful practices must be eradicated with political determination from the Cabinet and the support of civil servants.

"Most notably, it happens because weak governance and corruption are accepted as part of the system. Several major scandals could not have occurred with just corrupt politicians.

"At times, they conspire with the entire system, scholars and academics remain silent, and administrators who find it difficult to accept it are unable to bring about change," he said, Bernama reported.

"With the new spirit, I believe that in two or three years, Malaysia can be elevated as a great nation."

The Prime Minister also reiterated the call for all parties to ease the inward investment process as it can boost the nation's economy.

"The old methods are no longer viable; people seek to invest, but they have to wait for eight months to get an answer. It shouldn't be that way," he said.

On the concept of Malaysia Madani, Anwar said the concept encompassed all aspects, including trust and compassion that were suitable for the country.

The Malaysia Madani concept announced officially by Anwar on Jan 19 is said to be based on six pillars: Sustainability, Prosperity, Innovation, Respect, Trust and Compassion.