



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim speaking at the Finance Ministry's monthly assembly in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

## RAISED OBJECTIONS

# ANWAR SLAMS MPs WHO ARE AGAINST TARGETED SUBSIDY PLAN

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**S**OME members of parliament (MPs) have voiced their objections against the targeted subsidies and pension scheme restructuring, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri

Anwar Ibrahim.

Slamming those who questioned the government's move to rationalise subsidies, he added that some MPs even said that they were from the Bottom 40 (B40) income group despite earning tens of thousands of ringgit.

"Which continent are they from?"

"I'm not saying that I'm perfect and I'm trying to correct past mistakes.

"I have never denied that we're still facing the cost of living challenges, but we're doing our best (and) fighting cartels," he said in his speech at the Finance Ministry's monthly assembly here yesterday.

The Economy Ministry had said earlier that it would present a revised targeted subsidy plan to the cabinet some time this month.

In January, Anwar had said that a review of the pension scheme would also apply to politicians.

However, the proposed pension restructuring drew mixed reactions from many, including elected representatives.

While some of them had volunteered to give them up or only keep a single pension, others objected to the plan, saying that they deserved the remuneration for their contributions to the people.