

Learn from past mistakes, PM tells Malaysia Airlines

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday called on Malaysia Airlines to learn from past mistakes to ensure that the national carrier has a more resilient and successful future.

Anwar said the country's flag carrier had an excellent track record and was recognised internationally.

"Under this Madani administration, I have repeatedly emphasised good governance and the

need for a clear vision and mission, stressing the importance of managing with diligence, frugality and trustworthiness, without neglect for personal gain or benefiting certain groups.

"I was finance minister back in the day when I witnessed its potential collapse.

"The then treasury secretary-general reminded me of the dangers of the opaque transition of Malaysia Airlines' privatisation," he said at the launch of MAB Academy and Flight Simulator Centre groundbreaking yesterday.

Anwar said despite what happened in the past, the staff who helped build the flag carrier should be compensated for their contributions.

"Some opposition members are looking down on our efforts for good governance and strict measures against corruption.

"What's the effect of this? The

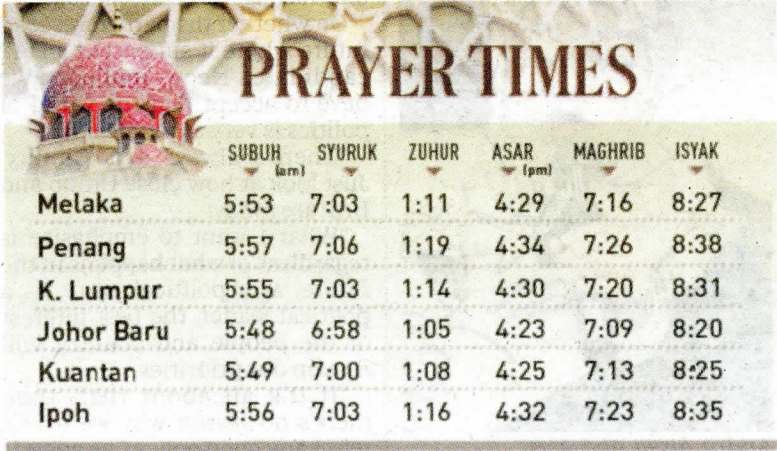
country is in huge debt, Malaysia Airlines' reputation was tarnished, and the staff, from the management, pilots and other employees, were affected as they did not get their deserved compensation.

"What fault did the pilots, flight attendants and technical engineers commit? They did their best, but were not compensated."

Present were Transport Minister Anthony Loke, Deputy Local Government Development Minister Aiman Athirah and Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) chairman Tan Sri Wan Zulkiflee Wan Ariffin and group managing director Datuk Captain Izham Ismail.

Anwar also praised MAG and Khazanah Nasional Bhd for turning the airline around and making it profitable.

He said Loke, in weekly cabinet meetings, consistently reports on the airline and calls for continuous support.



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