



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim chairing the 45th meeting of the National Physical Planning Council yesterday. The council is a platform for discussions between the federal and state governments on urban, rural and land use planning. PIC FROM PM'S FACEBOOK PAGE

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FEDERAL and state governments and local authorities must speed up approvals without compromising on regulations, urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday. He said this would ensure that Malaysia remained an attractive destination for investors. "The country has recorded positive economic growth and an increase in the speed of development approvals, but the Madani government will continue to ease the process of doing business," he said in a post on Facebook.

Earlier, Anwar chaired the 45th meeting of the National Physical Planning Council, a platform for discussions between the federal and state governments on urban, rural and land use planning.

He said the meeting also discussed ways to control and manage rare earth mining.

He said this should be balanced with economic returns, while considering environmental sustainability and avoiding disruption to protected forest areas.

"The synergy between the federal and state governments will continue to be strengthened to create a more holistic development planning landscape."

In a separate development, Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil, who is the spokesman for the unity government, told Bernama that the Finance Ministry's engagement with stakeholders in preparation for the 2025 Budget was going smoothly.

He said Anwar, who is also finance minister, told the cabinet meeting on Wednesday that almost all ministries were still hold-

ing discussions with stakeholders.

"We welcome feedback from industries and stakeholders. Contact the secretary-general of the relevant ministry or the minister.

"The Finance Ministry will take the feedback into account in the preparation of the 2025 Budget."

He said this after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Bernama and the Social Security Organisation to expand social protection for part-time media practitioners under the Self-Employed Social Security Scheme at Wisma Bernama yesterday.

In a pre-budget statement on July 30, the Finance Ministry chose the theme "Ekonomi Madani: Negara Makmur, Rakyat Sejahtera" as a guide for the consultation process for the 2025 Budget.

In line with Madani principles, the government is committed to ensuring the drafting of the 2025 Budget is holistic and comprehensive by welcoming feedback from all parties.

The 2025 Budget will be presented in Parliament on Oct 18.