

PM grateful for aid to flood-hit residents

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has expressed his gratitude to all, including 80,000 civil servants who are on the ground assisting flood-hit residents in the country.

He acknowledged the strong collaboration between federal and state government agencies, including the Malaysian Armed Forces, police, Civil Defence Force, Fire and Rescue Department, Malaysia Volunteers Corps Department, Social Welfare Department, Health Ministry and Education Ministry as a positive sign in tackling disasters.

Anwar also praised the involvement of GLICs, GLCs, private sector entities, and NGOs as well as tens of thousands of volunteers who are contributing to the efforts.

"While we face these challenges, the unity of Malaysians from various ethnicities, states and districts is truly remarkable. I wish to extend my highest appreciation to all of them," he said in the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

Anwar said Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar is leading the *Insan Madani* squad to assist with clean-up efforts as floodwaters recede.

He added that the flood relief coordination efforts led by the National Disaster Management Agency chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi have been highly satisfactory.

"I also appreciate the months of preparation beforehand, with meetings held at federal, state and district levels. This led to well-coordinated measures, as I witnessed first-hand in Terengganu and from reports in Kelantan, which were very commendable." – Bernama