



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim greeting officers after the Prime Minister's Department's monthly assembly in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION

MINISTRIES' PROJECT REPORTS MANDATORY

PM directs top officials of govt depts and agencies to submit monthly reports on projects

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has directed all ministries, government departments

and agencies to submit monthly progress reports on projects.

He said all reports must go through the chief of each ministry or agency before they were submitted to Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

The monthly reports must detail the progress of projects and the actions of the officers in implementing them.

"Whenever department heads and secretaries-general attend

meetings with me in the cabinet committee meetings, also chaired by (deputy prime minister) Datuk Seri Fadillah (Yusof), they would ask for allocations (and) add more projects.

"Yes, this is allowed, but there is a new method that we will introduce.

"There must be a monthly report (on) what is being done and what are their contributions to implement the projects," he said at the Prime Minister's Department monthly assembly yesterday.

Anwar said good government policies would be continued, but some practices, such as direct negotiations, had to be stopped to avoid abuse.

He said all ministries must be bold to change for the better.

Meanwhile, political analyst Datuk Dr Jeniri Amir said regular reports on government projects would show accountability of the public sector and address issues such as delays and leakages.

He said it would also help the government make informed decisions and strategies based on the progress of projects.

"It will also promote better communication and coordination among government agencies, ensuring a better outcome for the country.

"In the long run, this will benefit the people and help enhance public confidence in the administration."

He said regular reports would also enable the government to better identify successes or weaknesses that needed improvement.

Nusantara Academy for Strategic Research senior fellow Dr Azmi Hassan said monthly reports should be submitted to a special committee set up to evaluate the progress of projects.

The committee, he said, should include experts from various fields and members of civil societies.

"After an evaluation process by the committee, the prime minister can make decisions in a holistic manner.

"Otherwise, it will be time consuming for the prime minister to be briefed by each ministry and it would be too late to do remedial work by then."