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PM appoints Bukit Gantang MP to Lead cost-of-living cluster committee

IPOH: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has appointed Bukit Gantang member of parliament Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal to lead a

cluster committee under the Special Meeting of the National Action Council on Cost of Living (Naccol).

Anwar made the announce-

ment at the Madani Sales of Wet and Dry Food Items at Klebang Restu field yesterday.

"Today (yesterday), I am with my friend, Bukit Gantang MP Syed Abu Hussin, to work on this initiative to address the increasing cost of living.

"Our efforts are not enough if we can't control the price of items.

"We have Rahmah Sales, and today (yesterday), I see that the prices of fish, chicken and rice are better and cheaper than market prices.

"But we need more initiatives, which is why I have assigned the Bukit Gantang MP to help coordinate Naccol.

"I can confirm that he will lead Naccol and add more initiatives so Madani Sales can be improved and expanded in the

country," he said.

Present were Syed Abu Hussin and also Perak State Secretary Datuk Ahmad Suaidi Abdul Rahim.

On Nov 28 last year, Syed Abu Hussin declared his support for Anwar in Dewan Rakyat.

During the Prime Minister's Question Time then, the Perikatan Nasional (PN) lawmaker expressed his readiness to help the government establish its initiatives, including tackling the rising cost of living.

He is one of the six PN MPs who had declared their support for Anwar and the government.

On Nov 9 last year, Syed Abu Hussin said he would support the unity government and the prime minister if his request for funding for the constituency

was granted.

The Bersatu lawmaker said he wanted to see "to what extent the Madani government is fair in granting requests".

On Oct 3 last year, three consideration papers and two notice papers were tabled at the Naccol meeting to discuss measures to alleviate the increasing cost of living on the people.

Anwar said among the issues discussed were the prices of chicken and eggs, access to medicine at competitive prices, and possible disruption of sugar supply.

On a separate matter, Anwar said the Khidmat Demi Rakyat cheapest sales programme will be continued and expanded to address people's grievances about the rising cost of goods and services.