

PM wants monthly progress reports on govt projects

PUTRAJAYA: Ministry secretary-generals and department heads have been instructed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to submit monthly reports on the progress of government projects and the contributions of civil servants to realise them.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the reports have to

be submitted to the Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.

"Normally, in my discussions with department heads and secretaries-general, they will request for allocations, more projects. Yes, they can do that, but there is a new method that we want to introduce.

"There must be monthly reports of what has been done, what civil servants have contributed in efforts to implement the projects.

"This monthly report is to be sent through the director-general to the secretary-general and then to the chief secretary," he said at the monthly assembly with staff

of the Prime Minister's Department here yesterday.

Anwar also called on the ministries to use a different and bolder approach in implementing projects.

"I am confident, *InsyaAllah*, our government is stable. Because of this stability, we want to use it fully to implement programmes to raise the dignity of our country."

He added that the government would continue with the old policy that brings benefits to all, but the approach to be used would be different.

"That's why, for example, we don't continue with direct negotiations to avoid confusion and misuse."

The assembly was also attended by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is also energy transition and public utilities minister, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa and Mohd Zuki.

On the Central Database Hub (CDH) which was launched on Jan 2, Anwar said the government would make several improvements based on views given by the public.

CDH, which contains individual and household profiles of citizens and permanent residents in Malaysia, is an integrated national socio-economic database that combines data from government departments and agencies to provide a fair picture of the socio-economic position of every Malaysian household. - Bernama



Anwar speaking at the event in Putrajaya yesterday, accompanied by (from left) Fadillah, Azalina and Mohd Zuki.

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