

PRIORITISE GOVERNANCE, PM TELLS MINISTERS

Anwar wants all accountability issues addressed after AG's findings, says Fahmi

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants all ministries and government agencies to prioritise the management, governance and accountability issues highlighted in the Auditor-General's Report 2/2024.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said this was discussed at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

"Several matters were raised by Human Resources Minister Steven Sim about the AG's report.

"He did not want to impede any investigations by the authorities, including the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

"It is up to the respective minister, agency or institution to take follow-up action.

"The prime minister's priority is on management, governance and accountability issues highlighted in the audit report," he said at a press conference here yesterday.

He said the report was expected to be debated in the Dewan Rakyat next week.

"We will give space to MPs to examine and discuss and for ministers to respond.

"If the National Audit Department feels matters need to be taken to enforcement agencies like MACC, there will be no issue."

When asked if issues involving the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp) was like the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandal, Fahmi said: "We do not yet have the full information regarding the issues related to HRD Corp.

"We need further investigation, and to allow members of parliament to debate and the human resources minister to provide answers in Parliament.

"It is not yet time for us to make comparisons or decisions."

The AG's Report unveiled on Thursday revealed that the Gerak Insan Gemilang training scheme that had 3,726 participants had cost the HRD Corp RM51.69 million. Some participants attended



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up to 16 times.

The report also highlighted irregularities in the deposit payment process for the purchase of Menara Ikhlas, totalling RM120 million, citing non-compliance with agreement clauses even though the deposit was refunded.

Yesterday, the Human Resources Ministry submitted a report to the MACC about HRD Corp issues highlighted in reports by the AG Department and Public Accounts Committee presented in Parliament on Thursday.

On another matter, Fahmi said the special committee for the coronation of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia on July 20 will convene a meeting next week to review events for the ceremony.

He said the meeting would review the seven events lined up for the coronation and that preparations for the ceremony were going smoothly.

"My team and I will present the royal invitation for the coronation of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim to the prime minister today (yesterday).

"With the delivery of the royal invitation, I have fulfilled my official duty to present invitations to His Majesty, the Malay rulers and the prime minister," he said.

On another matter, he said the Federal Land Development Authority (Felda) would hold its an-

nual celebration from July 12 to 14 at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang.

He said the event would feature 68 activities across 12 clusters.

"Felda, in collaboration with the Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Ministry, will host a mini exhibition featuring rural and small-scale entrepreneurs.

"The prime minister is expected to officiate the event on July 13."

He said the event would feature 1,000 stalls and exhibitions, including 317 food stalls.

On the Sungai Bakap state seat by-election, Fahmi reminded all parties to campaign in a healthy way and to avoid extreme propaganda and slander.

"I want to raise an issue that may arise at the eleventh hour during the Sungai Bakap by-election campaign. A reminder to everyone from any party that we need to stop campaigning at 12am.

"We send a strong warning to everyone to avoid playing with provocative issues like this," he said at a press conference here after sharing screenshots of social media content that featured two men kissing and text reading "Vote Harapan for Freedom".

He said complaints had been received, and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission and police would track down those behind the malicious content.