

# More major reforms ahead

## PM: We still have long way to go to truly realise the Madani vision

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has vowed to implement more significant initiatives as part of the Madani government's reform pledge to benefit the people.

In his special wish to mark the government's second year in office, the Prime Minister highlighted various changes and reforms initiated to protect the people's welfare and elevate the country to the highest level.

"However, we still have a long way to go to truly realise the Madani vision.

"This government will continue to work and formulate more initiatives and policies that favour the people as much as possible, God willing," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

In the post, Anwar uploaded an infographic of several initiatives implemented throughout the second year of the Madani government's administration.

Among them were the Rahmah Cash Contribution (STR) which benefited nine million B40 recipients, the Rahmah Basic Contribution (Sara) to 8.4 million recipients to purchase basic necessities at 600 retail stores and supermarkets, and the People's Income Initiative (IPR) for 4,615 participants from the B40, poor and hardcore poor groups who had successfully increased their income.

Anwar also pointed out sever-



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al major achievements, including recording a total trade value of RM2.1 trillion in the first nine months of 2024, surpassing the figure from the previous year.

Aside from that, Malaysia saw a 5.3% growth of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the third quarter of 2024 and the strengthening of the ringgit to RM4.26 against the US dollar, said Anwar, who is also Finance Minister.

"Additionally, RM160bil in

investments were approved in the first half of the year, representing an 18% increase compared with the same period in 2023.

"In terms of high-impact investments, Malaysia has achieved significant milestones in digital investments, amounting to RM185.3bil from Google, Oracle, Nvidia, AWS and Microsoft, where it is expected to generate 64,479 job opportunities," the Prime Minister said.

Anwar also noted that the

unemployment rate dropped to 3.2% in September 2024, marking the lowest level since the Covid-19 pandemic.

He added that over 34,000 hardcore poor households were successfully lifted out of extreme poverty through targeted initiatives.

Malaysia's ranking on the Global Safety Index, said Anwar, rose to the 10th position in 2024, while its Corruption Perception Index moved up to 57 in 2023 from 61 in 2022.