

# PM VOWS TO FIX MALAYSIA AIRLINES

Cabinet discussing issues pertaining to national carrier to ensure its success

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**T**HE government remains committed in ensuring the success of Malaysia Airlines amidst the flight

disruptions affecting the national carrier.

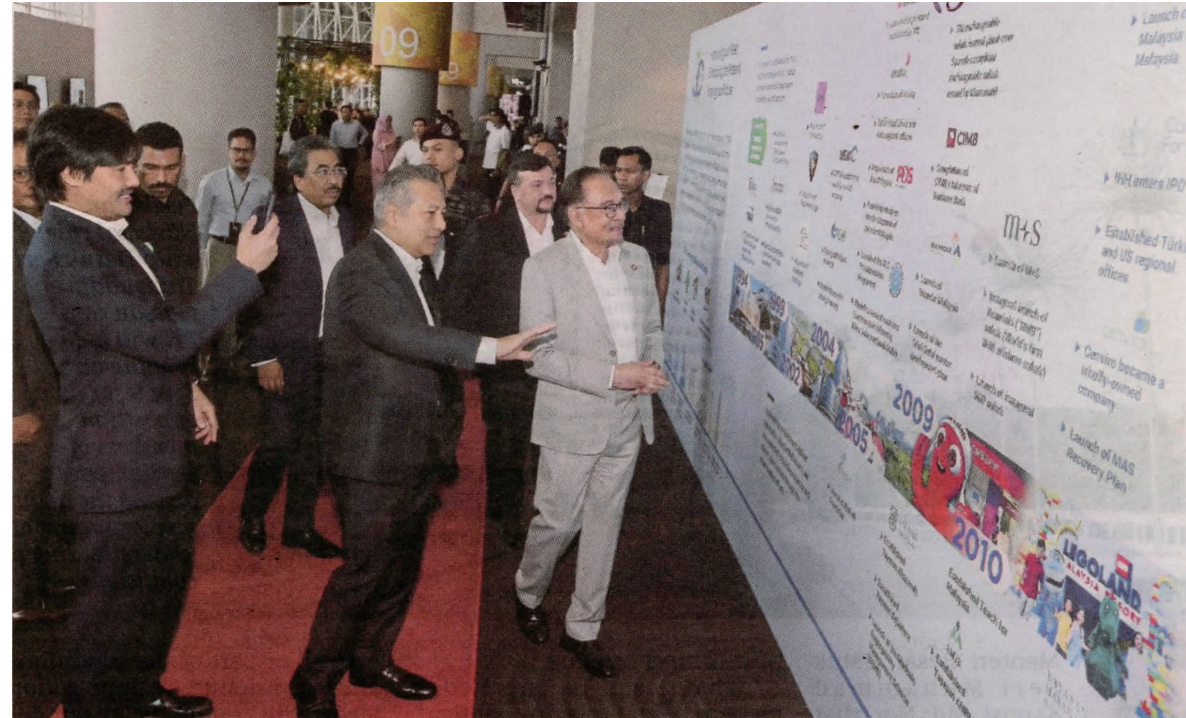
Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the cabinet had discussed issues pertaining to the airline "almost every week".

"We remain committed to ensure the success of the airline because it is our national airline and it has to perform," he said in his speech at Khazanah's 30th anniversary here yesterday.

Anwar said the government, the board of Khazanah as well as Malaysia Airlines' board were committed to uplift the airline in any possible way.

He added that certain political decisions that were not transparent had led to the troubles facing by the company today.

"Sometimes political decisions that were not done in a transparent manner had given opportunities to a couple of cronies to



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim visiting an exhibition held to mark the 30th anniversary of Khazanah Nasional in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY HAIRUL ANUAR RAHIM

destroy a company that we are proud of. And we are still burdened by the mistakes today.

"Do not erase that part of history. The decisions were made to defend crony interests and sideline the interests of the people and the country as a whole. Recovery efforts have started, but it will take time.

"I hope the news (on Malaysia Airlines) serves as a lesson to us

all that political leaders should not interfere in business matters, including Khazanah," he said.

Malaysia Airlines, a subsidiary of Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), had faced several issues pertaining to flight delays and rescheduling.

The latest incident involved flight MH66 bound for Incheon on Sept 2, which had to turn back shortly after departing from

Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

The national carrier said in a statement that flight MH66 made a precautionary return to Kuala Lumpur shortly after take-off due to a technical issue with the plane's hydraulic system.

Malaysia Airlines also announced that it was temporarily reducing the flight frequency on all its routes.