



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim greeting visitors at the Madani Rakyat 2024 Sarawakku Sayang Programme in Miri yesterday. With him is Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg (left). **BERNAMA PIC**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GOOD POLICIES

PM: Don't misuse political stability

MIRI: The political stability achieved in this country over the past two years should not be misused by political leaders to strengthen their positions, but should serve as an opportunity to implement good policies for the people, said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The prime minister said this stability, which has led to a strengthening of the ringgit, a decrease in unemployment and more controlled inflation, had allowed the government to focus on people development.

"Sometimes there are politicians who are desperate, feeling overwhelmed, they see the economy growing, the ringgit strengthening, unemployment decreasing and job opportunities increasing with more controlled inflation."

"For them, the way out is to

incite hatred among races and anxiety due to differences in religious understanding," he said when officiating at the Madani Rakyat 2024 Sarawakku Sayang Programme here yesterday.

Present was Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg.

Anwar said the harmonious understanding among races in Sarawak, which serves as the foundation for political stability in the state, should be used as an example for other states to enable them to focus on development efforts.

To ensure that eligible citizens get aid under the Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) programme, Anwar announced direct cash payments for STR recipients in Sabah and Sarawak, who do not have bank accounts.

This cash distribution pro-

gramme was launched during the Madani Rakyat Programme here and will be initiated during his visit to Kapit today.

Meanwhile, Abang Johari said the strengthening of the ringgit had proven the unity government's ability under Anwar's leadership to stabilise the political situation in the country.

This stability, he said, should be leveraged by the government to focus on economic development.

Abang Johari added that the Sarawak government's focus at the moment was on strengthening its position in the green energy and agriculture sectors.

He said the political stability enjoyed over the past two years, after the unity government was formed, might further improve and strengthen the economy.

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