

# Sarawak roads get green light

## We'll give priority to infrastructure in Kapit, says PM

**KAPIT:** The Federal Government has agreed to give priority to the construction of several road projects in the Kapit division in Sarawak, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister said among them is the road construction project connecting Nanga Semaram in Kanowit to Kapit over a distance of 72km.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said the first phase of the road construction is expected to start next year, adding that he has asked Works Minister Datuk

Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi to speed it up.

"I asked Alexander (Nanta Linggi) to start preparations this year so that we can start immediately.

"Next year, we will (prepare) allocations to start phase one and I believe the latest will be the end of next year or 2026 (for construction to start)," he said while speaking at a goodwill gathering with Kapit community leaders here yesterday, Bernama reported.

Apart from Nanta, the programme held at the Kapit

Auditorium was also attended by Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg.

Meanwhile, commenting on the role of Sarawak in Malaysia, Anwar said the success that the Bumi Kenyalang experienced is also a success for the country.

"Sarawak 30, 40 years ago was one of the poorest states (in Malaysia) but now Sarawak is considered a potential state and has the strength, especially in the field of energy.

"The success of Sarawak is the success of all of us, because what

Sarawak has achieved can be enjoyed by all," he said.

In the one-day working visit to Kapit, the Prime Minister also launched the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Kapit district police headquarters project and attended a briefing on the construction of a bridge across Batang Rajang River in Nanga Yong.

Anwar also attended a gathering with community leaders of Rumah Panjang in Kapit and Song districts at Rumah Robert, Nanga Sebatu here.

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### Fit for chiefs

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg are all smiles after putting on the traditional Sarawakian headgear and vest in Kapit. Anwar says the Federal Government will give priority to the construction of several road projects in Kapit. > See report on page 2

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