

## PERLIS GRANTS, ALLOCATIONS

# PM: Madani govt takes care, of all states

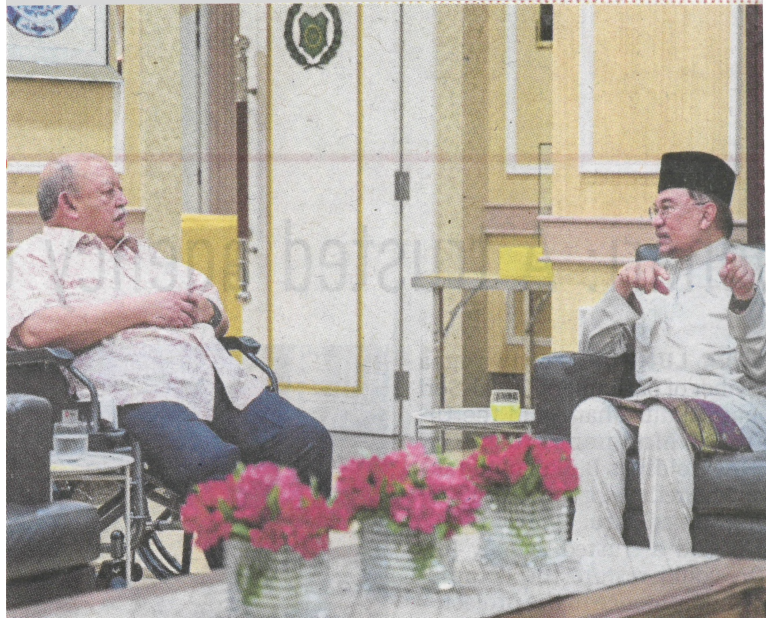
**KANGAR:** The significant increase in grants and development allocations for Perlis over the past two years is proof that the Madani government is committed to serving all states, regardless of political affiliation, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said under his administration, Perlis had received increased funding and support, demonstrating the federal government's inclusive approach.

"I thank Menteri Besar Mohd Shukri Ramli for his full cooperation with the federal government.

"Some quarters have accused me of neglecting certain states. That's not true. We take care of all states," Anwar said at the state-level Madani Aidilfitri celebration in Kuala Perlis.

The event was graced by Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail, and Raja Perempuan of Perlis, Tuanku Tengku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid. Present were Raja Muda of



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim having an audience with Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail, in Kangar yesterday. PIC FROM ANWAR'S OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE

Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail, and Raja Puan Muda Perlis, Tuanku Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil.

Anwar said the total development expenditure allocated to Perlis from 2022 to 2024 had increased by 65 per cent.

"In 2022, the development allocation for Perlis was RM391.91 million. After I took office, the Madani government increased this to RM596.82 million in 2023, and to RM645.58 million for 2024."

He added that grants disbursed directly to Perlis had also risen by 25 per cent over the same period — from RM168.4 million in 2022, to RM182.3 million in 2023, and RM210.6 million in 2024.

Anwar said recipients of the Sumbangan Asas Raimah programme in Perlis had grown nearly 2.5 times, from 25,682 last

year to 62,292, as of April.

Meanwhile, he said Malaysia had adopted a moderate approach in addressing the United States tariffs announced by President Donald Trump earlier this month.

He said the issue must be handled cautiously to avoid serious repercussions for the country and its people's livelihoods.

"We are the second-largest semiconductor manufacturer in the world, with 60 per cent of our semiconductor exports going to the US.

"Therefore, our bilateral relationship with the US and other nations must remain balanced to prevent adverse effects on people's livelihoods and the country.

"We need to ensure our economy continues to grow, for the well-being of the people."