

PM holds talk over 'vertical school' plan in Bandar Tasik Permaisuri

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has met with the developer, ministries and agencies to discuss building a "vertical school" in Bandar Tasik Permaisuri yesterday, to address the area's surging population and shortage of education facilities.

Anwar said the plan was raised

following the launch of Residensi Aman Madani, where he noted that the nearby primary school could no longer cope with growing demand.

"I proposed a vertical school within the development, or a new school opposite the residence connected by a pedestrian bridge," he said on a Facebook post.

He added that the proposed school would serve all local residents and be complemented by other

Madani framework facilities, including a kindergarten, *surau*, clinic and a security centre.

On Aug 6, Anwar was reported as saying that housing projects with at least 3,500 units must include schools and kindergartens, particularly for low-income communities.

Approval should only be granted once these requirements are met, Anwar said, urging developers, the

Housing and Local Government minister and relevant departments to coordinate under the 13th Malaysia Plan.

"If there is no nearby school, the developer must allocate several blocks, complete with a dedicated lift, for a vertical school," he added.

The prime minister also called for kindergartens within residential buildings to assist families earning RM2,000 to RM3,000 a month.