

PM: Media council should advise govt on addressing regressive laws

PUTRAJAYA: Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants the Malaysian Media Council (MMC) to submit proposals to the cabinet to address regressive laws affecting media freedom.

The prime minister said MMC, which will regulate the media

industry, played a vital role in strengthening media freedom.

“MMC has the responsibility of advising on specific legislation or provisions that restrict freedom. Convey these matters to the cabinet and (Communica-

tions Minister) Datuk Fahmi Fadzil to bring forward the relevant recommendations,” he said during a briefing with senior editors at the Seri Perdana Complex here.

Present were Media Prima Bhd News and Current Affairs Divi-

sion deputy group managing editor of news and current affairs and *New Straits Times* group editor Farrah Naz Karim, *Berita Harian* group editor Zulkifli Jalil and MPB Television Networks News and Current Affairs group editor Azhari Muhidin.

Anwar said MMC would provide advice to the government on methods to enhance media freedom.

“Not the Home Ministry; instead, let MMC advise us (the government) about the boundaries that need to be set.”