

Parties will be heard before Cabinet list is announced

CYBERJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim says he will hold discussions with party heads before announcing the List of names to fill vacancies in the Madani government's Cabinet soon.

Anwar, who is also the Finance Minister, said that although Cabinet appointments are his prerogative, the views of all parties in the government will be taken into account.

"Let me discuss it. Yes, it is the Prime Minister's discretion or authority to seek the Yang di-Per-tuan Agong's consent, but as usual, in a democratic process, we respect the views of our colleagues.

"I will, of course, listen to several views from party chiefs, but I will make the final decision in the near future," he told reporters after performing Friday prayers with about 1,500 congregants at Masjid Cyberjaya 10 here yesterday, Bernama reported.

The Prime Minister previously said he would decide on the new appointments after a process of prudent consideration, based on the people's interests and the nation's reform agenda.

He also said it would not be a major Cabinet reshuffle but to fill several vacant ministerial posts.

According to him, current considerations show there is no need for sweeping changes as the Madani government's current term has only about a year and a half left.