



Finance Ministry officers Muhammad Azhar Fairuzz Hiloh (left) and Nor Aqilah Aminah Karman Amin showing the government's iPayment cashless payment app in Putrajaya yesterday, NSTP PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

IN MARCH

PM wants to hasten govt e-payment implementation

PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim wants the Federal Government Electronic Receipt System (iPayment) to be rolled out across all ministries and departments by next month.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, stressed the importance of expediting the system's implementation to ensure that the public could benefit from its improved and streamlined services.

He was speaking at the Finance Ministry's monthly assembly here yesterday.

He said the initiative was a vital part of the government's reforms, aimed at simplifying processes for the public.

He instructed the ministry to fast-track its roll-out to early next month instead of the previously scheduled April.

"We must remember that the ultimate measure of success is how the majority of the people benefit from the reforms we are discussing.

"That is why I urge for the iPayment programme to be brought forward from the projected April

timeline to early March," he said when launching iPayment at the assembly. Anwar also hoped that state governments would adopt the system.

He described the iPayment system as part of the government's push for "cashless" culture and likened it to the success of the QR code Immigration clearance system at Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

The iPayment system is an electronic collection platform developed by the Accountant General's Department.



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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim chairing a cabinet meeting in Putrajaya yesterday after his return from a working visit to Bahrain and Brunei, earning praise from Facebook users for his extraordinary energy in leading Malaysia. In rarely shared images of the cabinet meeting, Anwar is seen discussing with his deputies, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, as well as ministers. PIC FROM ANWAR IBRAHIM'S FB PAGE