

MADANI GOVT RETREAT 2025

PM TELLS CABINET TO ACCEPT CRITICISM, IMPROVE GOVERNANCE

Anwar also says unity, solidarity crucial to better represent the people

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reminded the cabinet to accept criticism with an

open heart and address shortcomings in the government.

Anwar said the cabinet was also reminded of the need for strong unity and solidarity to function as a true Madani government that genuinely represented the voice and aspirations of the people.

"I emphasised that the current era, including the geopolitical situation and technology, demanded that any government move swiftly and adapt to remain relevant and function effectively for all levels of society," he said in a Facebook post on Friday.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (second from left) speaking at the Madani Government Retreat 2025 in Bangi on Friday. With him are (from left) his deputies Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar. NSTP PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

The message was delivered by Anwar, who is also finance minister, during the two-day Madani Government Retreat 2025 in Bangi, Selangor.

He said the retreat provided an

opportunity to boost synergy among cabinet members to improve, present fresh ideas and strategise initiatives, particularly for the people's wellbeing and economic progress.

In a separate Facebook post, Anwar said Malaysia and France had agreed to boost cooperation in defence, economy and energy, in addition to trade, investment, tourism and artificial intelligence.

The matter, he said, was brought up during a telephone conversation on Friday with French President Emmanuel Macron, during which they also discussed developments stemming from their meeting at the G20 Summit in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, on Nov 19.

"I also expressed my gratitude to Macron for the support given to the rebuilding of Gaza, which has suffered greatly at the hands of the cruel Zionist regime.

"We have also agreed to seek a solution with regard to Myanmar to bring peace to the country using appropriate diplomatic approaches," he said.

Furthermore, Anwar conveyed the government's keenness to receive Macron and his delegation in Malaysia this May to boost bilateral ties. **Bernama**