



Anwar arriving for the Finance Ministry's monthly gathering in Putrajaya yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**

# Move to streamline govt agencies after Cabinet nod

**> Secretariat for Rationalisation of Federal Statutory Bodies was set up last year to address issue of overlapping functions, save funds, says PM**

**PUTRAJAYA:** A proposal to streamline several government agencies to address the issue of overlapping functions will be presented to the Cabinet soon, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I had assigned the then Treasury secretary-general Datuk Seri Asri Hamidon to give several proposals to streamline several agencies and present them to the chief secretary to the government. I will decide after it has been presented to the Cabinet."

Anwar, who is also the finance minister, was speaking at the Finance Ministry's monthly

gathering yesterday.

He had said on Sept 3 that the government had established a Secretariat for the Rationalisation of Federal Statutory Bodies to address the issue of overlapping functions and to save funds.

Following that, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar announced the appointment of Asri to lead a special committee for the purpose.

"I have instructed that no company should be established under an agency without approval from the highest level because

thousands of these companies are incurring huge losses.

"However, deciding to cancel these (companies) is not easy but if it must be done, we must do it. This reflects or gives meaning to what is called institutional reform," said Anwar.

He urged the Public Service machinery to think and act fast to drive the country's growth, Bernama reported.

Meanwhile, Anwar said he and Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had also discussed the implementation methods of policies and major strategies during their meeting on Tuesday.

Also present were Finance Minister II Senator Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan, Deputy Finance Minister Lim Hui Ying, Shamsul Azri, Public Service Director-General Tan Sri Wan Ahmad Dahlan Abdul Aziz and Treasury Secretary-General Datuk Johan Mahmood Merican.