

Cabinet to take steps to improve performance: PM

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BANGI: The Cabinet welcomes all feedback and criticism and will take appropriate steps to improve its performance, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the the Madani Government Retreat 2025.

He said ministers received independent reports and assessments of their performance from academics and civil servants.

"We then allowed the ministers to share their views on their commitment and determination to improve performance.

"I am not saying everything is perfect, but the Cabinet's performance has been commendable as its members have taken the criticisms seriously and are implementing the necessary measures for improvement," he told a media conference on Saturday.

He said the retreat also discussed the need for the government to reassess its approach to mitigating the impact of inflation on the public.

Anwar said despite statistics indicating positive performance, the government must still address ongoing issues such as rising

prices of goods.

"Although statistics show that our inflation rate is low, people are still complaining about rising prices, particularly essential goods.

"This is a challenge we are focusing on because we understand that figures on economic growth, increased investment, security and tourism appeal will only hold real value if we can control the rising cost of living that burdens parts of our society."

Meanwhile, in a post on his Facebook page, Anwar reaffirmed that efforts to eradicate hardcore poverty would be intensified and pursued more aggressively nationwide.

He said the government wants to see more people break free from the shackles of poverty and enjoy a better, dignified and prosperous life.

"Poverty is not merely an economic issue but also a matter of dignity and social justice. That is why, from the very beginning, I have emphasised that the Madani government will not stand by idly while the people continue to be burdened by poverty.

"With comprehensive policies and targeted assistance programmes as well as integrated grassroots efforts, the government will continue to ensure that those in genuine need are helped and given opportunities to escape poverty."

Anwar said as part of this effort, his political secretary Datuk Ahmad Farhan Fauzi delivered aid to families in need in three state constituencies under the Permatang Pauh parliamentary constituency, namely Seberang Jaya, Penanti and Permatang Pasir on Friday, Bernama reported.

"*Alhamdulillah*, 221 families have successfully been lifted out of hardcore poverty. This is not just a number but tangible proof that the Madani government's efforts to assist those in need are bearing fruit."

Anwar added that the initiative was not merely about providing temporary assistance but ensuring that every family has the opportunity to become self-reliant, secure better employment and ultimately improve their standard of living.

He urged all parties, including the private sector, NGOs and concerned individuals, to join hands in this noble endeavour, as a Strong spirit of solidarity would enable Malaysia to become a more just and prosperous nation for all.