

# No pressing need to adopt nuclear power, says Anwar

**DAVOS (SWITZERLAND):** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Malaysia is not in "pressing need" to adopt nuclear power as it still sees much potential in solar power and the Asean Power Grid.

However, he said he does not dismiss the possibility of using nuclear energy, especially with the country having massive data centres in the pipeline.

"But notwithstanding, just to make sure,

because energy consumption of data centres is huge, and in every meeting people have been suggesting they want to put up small modular reactors (SMR), and I don't want to frustrate them because that is part of the overall artificial intelligence requirements, the nuclear option is there.

"I know Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia have embarked on this and I'm trying to get us to work together to show that we have a better

budgeting position," he told a media briefing at the World Economic Forum 2025.

SMR, which are capable of producing around 300 megawatts of electricity, could be integrated into existing building infrastructure or connected to the national grid with a relatively smaller footprint and cost.

It is said SMR could offer a potential alternative for data centres that need reliable and scalable power. - Bernama