

RM200M FOR COASTAL EROSION

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Federal govt approves funds to expedite mitigation efforts in Terengganu

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THE federal government has approved RM200 million to expedite coastal erosion mitigation efforts in Terengganu, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said the approval was granted after Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar raised the matter with him.

Anwar commended the relevant agencies, including the Public Works Department, for their swift action in implementing the coastal protection project.

"I take this opportunity to clarify the situation because sometimes what we do is different from what is alleged by certain quarters.

"Differences in opinion are acceptable, but slander and negative assumptions are not, as they contradict the reality on the ground. Do not be influenced by claims that the federal government is not assisting Terengganu in terms of development," he said at the launch of the Floating Solar Hydro Hybrid and Green Hydrogen Hub development projects in Kenyir near here yesterday.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar (in orange shirt) visiting the location of the development projects in Kenyir, Terengganu, yesterday.

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Present were Samsuri and Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

Also present were Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) chairman Tan Sri Abdul Razak Abdul Majid, PetroliaM Nasional Bhd (Petronas) chairman Tan Sri Mohd Bakke Salleh, TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Megat Jalaluddin Megat Hassan; and Petronas group president and chief executive officer Tan Sri Tengku Muhammad Taufik Tengku Aziz.

Meanwhile, Bernama reported Anwar as saying Terengganu had been chosen to be the first state to implement the Madani Tuition programme with an allocation of RM5.27 million.

The initiative, he said, would benefit 9,408 students, involving the assistance of 614 teachers.

Anwar said Terengganu was chosen because of its students'

excellent achievements in public examinations.

"This assistance is with the co-operation of teachers... This is the first programme in Malaysia," he said at the closing ceremony of the Terengganu People's Madani Programme 2025 in Kuala Terengganu yesterday.

Present were Samsuri Mokhtar, Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi and Education Minister Fadhlina Sidek.

Anwar said the implementation of the programme under the poverty eradication initiative in Terengganu was in addition to the RM100 assistance channelled for the purchase of books and reading materials for schoolchildren and teachers.

Its implementation, he said, would be supervised by the minister and secretary-general of the ministry involved, with plans to extend it to Kelantan next.

Anwar also said the govern-

ment had approved the construction of a matriculation college in Marang in addition to the acquisition of land for the Kuala Terengganu Polytechnic campus.

On another matter, Anwar said RM30 million had been set aside for Terengganu through the SeJaTi Madani Programme, a unity government initiative that boosts community economic activities.

He said funds were disbursed to each village, empowering them to select and collectively determine the requirements for their chosen community economic activities.

"I went to a village in Parit Buntar, Perak. I saw them (villagers) buying drones... They bought two drones and rented them out to spray fertiliser.

"Now, every month they earn a net profit of RM30,000...

"If we empower the villagers and manage it well, sometimes the project is better than other projects," he said.