



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim signing a plaque at the launch of the Bumiputera Master Plan, Tunas Madani and JKPSB Housing Project at Universiti Teknologi Mara's Penang branch in Bukit Mertajam yesterday. NSTP PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

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Anwar to announce details to tackle rising cost of living by Tuesday

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has hinted that the soon-to-be announced "extraordinary tribute" to Malaysians will address the government's efforts to tackle the rising cost of living. Anwar, however, said yesterday

he needed a little more time to make the announcement, allowing his team at the Finance Ministry to prepare the details.

"The problem our country is facing is the cost of living.

"We want to increase salaries and allowances for public servants by RM10 billion this year.

"Next year, there will be an additional RM18 billion for the same purpose, along with the RM13 billion Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah.

"The increase (in cost of living) is not only affecting our country but is also a global issue. However, I'm looking for solutions.

"Every day at the Finance Ministry, we are striving to develop an approach that can be an-

nounced soon to address the cost of living.

"So wait — if not Monday, then Tuesday — within two to three days. The announcement will be significant.

"We are finalising the details. Pray that it will be something good."

He said this while speaking at the launch of the Bumiputera Master Plan, Tunas Madani and JKPSB Housing Project at Universiti Teknologi Mara's Penang branch here.

He recently stirred public interest after posting a teaser on his Facebook page.

The short message offered no further details, sparking widespread discussion.