

POLICE CO-OP MAY GET DEBT WRITE-OFF

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But it must be done responsibly, says Anwar on IGP's request for Unikop College premises

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THE government will consider a debt write-off for Royal Malaysia Police Cooperative Bhd's Unikop College premises in Cyberjaya.

However, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said, any such move must be carried out responsibly, with a focus on ensuring the cooperative's sustainable management.

"I do not think it is reasonable for us to write off everything, but I believe with good management and solid performance, we can offer a reasonable reduction," he said in his keynote address at the cooperative's 90th annual general meeting yesterday.

Present were Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Razarudin Husain.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, requested that the cooperative's financial report be submitted to the Finance Ministry.

"But more importantly, the cooperative must submit a report to the Home Ministry and to me.

"I will look into how we can move forward. I have instructed the finance minister II and the Treasury secretary-general to explore other avenues where the cooperative's profits can be channelled to benefit members."

Earlier in his speech, Razarudin appealed to the government to consider reducing rent and cancelling debts for the Unikop College premises for 2024 payable to Cyberview Sdn Bhd.

He said this would strengthen efforts to upgrade the college into a leading university for policing and security in the region.

Commenting further, Anwar said good governance was a fundamental principle of administration, not only because it enhances efficiency, but also because it helps reduce expenditure.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim handing over a mock cheque for compensation to the widow of Sergeant S. Perumal, who died in the Federal Reserve Unit truck crash, at the Royal Malaysia Police Cooperative Bhd annual general meeting in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. NSTP PIC BY MOHAMAD SHAHRIL BADRI SAALI

"Governance is critical. Are there weaknesses? Of course, but we are working to address them.

"The core principle of managing public tenders is essential, as proper tendering alone can save billions of ringgit.

"Good governance should not be taken lightly.

"Those billions can be redirected to upgrading dilapidated schools, funding skills training for our youths and providing healthcare for our parents. That is precisely what we are doing."

Anwar said the government was considering awarding some projects to the police cooperative to enhance welfare support for police personnel.

He said this would increase members' returns, boost revenue and allow better dividends for more than 100,000 police officers.

"We will review these projects thoroughly to ensure they are suitable and the cooperative can carry them out efficiently.

"If implemented properly, the projects can benefit many cooperative members."

He said this in response to a proposal by Razarudin to award the contract for the construction of the Kelantan police headquarters to KOP Construction Sdn Bhd, as well as the head-to-toe supply contract for the police to KOP Tradtech Sdn Bhd and KOP Logistic Distribution Sdn Bhd.

If the cooperative performed well in handling the projects, Anwar said, the government could increase the number in future.

"For example, we can review the pilot project involving the construction of several district police headquarters and hand it over to the ministry.

"They will set the scope of work and ensure the pricing is reasonable. Since this is not a private company, we can give it priority.

"Over the next three years, we will begin implementation and monitor performance."

Anwar urged the police cooperative to maintain excellent financial management by carrying out the awarded projects without complications, efficiently and at a reasonable cost.

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