

PM GIVES 2 WEEKS FOR RAINWATER STORAGE PLAN

Ensuring that the supply of water and energy is sufficient is paramount says DPM

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P RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has given the Energy Transition and Water Transformation Ministry two weeks to propose solutions for storing excess rainwater. This aims to mitigate the impact of periods of heavy rainfall and drought.

This was one of several priorities discussed in a meeting yesterday, alongside Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and senior ministry officials.

“The prime minister’s message earlier was clear that whatever we implement, we must first ensure that the supply of water and energy is sufficient for the country. Secondly, we must consider the affordability and accessibility of these resources,” Fadillah said following the Ihya Ramadan event at the ministry.

On whether the two-week period for the



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is also energy transition and water transformation minister, speaking to the press after the Ihya Ramadan programme at the ministry in Putrajaya yesterday, NSTP PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

proposal was sufficient, he said: “This is already in progress. Studies have been conducted, and we are compiling the information for submission.”

Fadillah, who is also energy transition and water transformation minister, said the implementation of critical projects, including flood mitigation initiatives, were being speeded up.

“The discussion also focused on resolving issues that could delay project implementation, particularly those involving state governments, such as land matters

and other execution challenges.”

On state-level cooperation, he acknowledged that progress had been uneven.

“Some aspects are going well, while others need improvement and strengthening,” he added.

On energy, Fadillah said discussions centred on ensuring security while addressing concerns from the public and businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises.

“Any tariff adjustments must take their circumstances into account.”