



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim meeting Air Force pilots at the Ihya' Ramadan 2025 programme at the Subang Air Base yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

## WITH PRIVATE SECTOR COLLABORATION

# PM: EXPEDITE PUBLIC WELFARE PROJECTS

Federal, state govts urged to coordinate on building schools, mosques and flood mitigation projects

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**F**EDERAL and state governments must continue working hard to build a more inclusive and prosperous future for Malaysia, ensuring the wellbeing and welfare of the people.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said this includes expediting people-centric projects that require greater cooperation and coordination between federal and state governments.

"Among them are flood mitigation projects, schools, healthcare facilities, mosques and public housing, which also require collaboration with the private sector and local authorities to succeed," he said in a Facebook post on Thursday.

Anwar, who is finance minister, shared this message after chairing the Selangor State Development Special Meeting, attended by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar and Menteri Besar

Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

In a separate post, Anwar called on community leaders to explain the Madani government's policies and achievements to the people.

He urged them not to entertain negative perceptions spread by certain parties, including the opposition, against the government.

He said too much time would be wasted on responding to baseless accusations, which would not resolve anything.

Anwar said it was better to highlight the government's successes, such as the Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) initiative, civil servants salary increase and other benefits now enjoyed by a large segment of society.

"If someone claims that we have done nothing, that is not true. I can say that almost everyone receives STR, for which we have allocated RM13 billion for 2025."

Yesterday, Anwar engaged with Defence Ministry personnel during the Ihya' Ramadan 2025 programme at the Subang Air Base.

He performed Friday prayers with more than 700 ministry personnel at Masjid Al-Muhajirin and listened to a sermon delivered by Armed Forces Religious Corps director-general Major-General Datuk Mohd Rashidi Bujai.

Anwar then distributed *bubur lambuk* to the ministry personnel.

The ministry organised the Ihya'

Ramadan 2025 programme with the Performance Acceleration Coordination Unit and the Prime Minister's Department to engage Armed Forces members.

In a Facebook post later, Anwar called for new synergy between the Defence Ministry and industry players to ensure the defence research and development ecosystem continued to progress in line with tech advancements.

He said he conveyed this request during an engagement session with the top management of the ministry and the armed forces during the event at the Subang Air Base.

Anwar said he received updates on defence readiness.

"Key priorities must be considered by the leadership and management, including the status of defence assets, training, welfare, cooperation and collective efforts between all parties, as well as identifying emerging issues to find comprehensive solutions."

After the session, Anwar met pilots who performed at the National Day and Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition.

"The expertise to handle aircraft with such skill and confidence demonstrates the capability of our local talents in operating sophisticated and modern aircraft, ensuring the highest level of national defence readiness."