

FEDERAL-STATE SYNERGY VITAL'

Cooperation crucial to improving services for the people, says PM

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has reiterated the importance of continued cooperation and renewed synergy between federal and state governments to boost public services.

His senior press secretary, Tunku Nashrul Abaidah, said the prime minister had raised the matter during his recent visits to Selangor, Perak and Negri Sembilan.

"During the prime minister's visits last week, he once again emphasised the need for contin-

ued cooperation and a renewed synergy between the federal and state governments.

"He believes that these meetings and discussions are crucial in improving services for the people.

"Key areas of focus included public welfare in terms of infrastructure, education, healthcare, flood mitigation projects and road maintenance, along with other issues that will continue to be monitored by the relevant agencies," he said during the Prime Minister's Office daily briefing.

Tunku Nashrul said Anwar was scheduled to visit Penang today, followed by Terengganu and Sabah later this week.

The Prime Minister's Office previously announced that Anwar would travel to various locations nationwide during Ramadan to engage with the community and strengthen federal-state relations.

On another matter, Tunku

Nashrul said Anwar has urged opposition lawmakers not to politicise the proposal to limit a prime minister's tenure to 10 years.

He said Anwar had emphasised that the essence and responsibilities of the role were clearly defined in the Federal Constitution.

"Imposing a tenure limit does not contradict these fundamental principles. On the contrary, it is a crucial step towards strengthening the country's democratic maturity," he said.

The prime minister also encouraged any members of parliament questioning this matter to read and understand it thoroughly before making reckless criticisms.

Tunku Nashrul said Anwar welcomed a healthy and responsible debate on the issue, considering the challenges ahead.

The prime minister also invited all parties to contribute their input towards developing a transparent and fair system.

Tunku Nashrul said Anwar had

described the proposal to limit the tenure as a step towards ensuring the continuity of clean governance and a more structured administrative system.

He said the prime minister also viewed the proposal as a measure to prevent the centralisation of power, which could create opportunities for corruption and abuse.

"Regarding the proposal to limit the prime minister's tenure to a maximum of 10 years, he says it aligns with his vision as well as the reform policy framework outlined in the 'Membangun Negara Madani' initiative. It is not a new concept.

"This measure aims to ensure the continuity of clean governance and a more structured system, and to prevent the concentration of power that may lead to corruption and abuse.

"In fact, several countries, including our neighbour Indonesia, have already implemented this approach."