

GLICs URGED TO INVEST RM120B DOMESTICALLY

Govt's focus, KPIs not solely based on profit, says Anwar

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GOVERNMENT-LINKED investment companies (GLICs) are encouraged to invest around RM120 billion domestically over five years to boost the country's economic growth, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the government's focus and key performance indicators (KPIs) were not solely profit-based, but also on the "GEAR-uP" approach.

"This involves six GLICs leveraging their full capacity to invest around RM120 billion over five years, with RM25 billion this year, to drive economic growth alongside the approved budget," he said during a question-and-answer session in the Dewan Negara yesterday.

Anwar was responding to Senator Datuk Mustafa Musa on the latest KPI focus for government-linked-companies (GLCs) and GLICs in ensuring that dividend contributions would strengthen the government's revenue estimates for 2025.

Anwar said the latest development budget was the highest in recent years.

He said in addition to the RM440 billion in public market investments under existing programmes, these investments focused on high-growth, high-value (HGHV) sectors such as energy transition and advanced manufacturing, particularly in semiconductors.

The investments also span all stages of a company's lifecycle, from startups and venture capital to mid-tier companies, and support their listing.

He said Malaysia was already seeing positive momentum in investments in the HGHV sector, with Khazanah Nasional Bhd through its Dana Impak, setting aside RM1 billion for three key initiatives under Jelawang Capital, semiconductor investments and mid-tier companies.

Additionally, under the 2025 Budget, the Retirement Fund Inc (KWAP) is investing through the RM1 billion Dana Perintis and



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RM6 billion Dana Pemacu.

Other GLICs, such as Permodalan Nasional Bhd, are strengthening the Bumiputera investment "relay-race" by developing strategic industrial parks like the Kerian Integrated Green Industrial Park.

Anwar also said GLICs, including Khazanah, KWAP and the Employees Provident Fund, had performed strongly last year.

"This reflects the success of the Madani Economy framework, which drives strong economic growth through reforms that inspire investor confidence and contribute to the performance of the capital market."

He said the Madani reforms emphasised governance, a priority for GLICs to ensure responsible and effective investment management.

Anwar added that the culture of establishing companies and maintaining unprofitable companies must stop immediately.

He said the government was implementing strict monitoring of companies under GLICs and GLCs, adding that only a small number had been closed.

"In the spirit of transparency and governance, many of those closed were under government agencies such as the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority and the Federal Land Development Authority as they did not meet their original objectives.

"If these companies are unprofitable, we will close them."

On another matter, Anwar said the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025 must be passed so that the Parliamentary Services Bill 2025 could allow the Parliament to function as an independent

and sovereign institution.

He said the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution would not only strengthen the independence of Parliament but also be a major success in institutional reform.

"We are serious about fulfilling our mandate and promises. At present, the Parliament is under the Prime Minister's Department. However, the prime minister is choosing to hand over (this power) and strengthen it (Parliament) as an independent body," he said when tabling the Constitution (Amendment) Bill for the second reading in the Dewan Negara yesterday.

He said the Constitution (Amendment) Bill had enabled the Parliamentary Services Bill 2025, which had been discussed for many years.

He said the constitutional amendment was a framework to strengthen the principle of separation of powers, adding that the separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers was clearly demonstrated during the administration of the country's first prime minister, the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj.

He said the Parliamentary Services Act was introduced during that era before it was repealed in 1992, adding that the Parliament, comprising the Dewan Rakyat and Dewan Negara, must have freedom in interpreting the meaning of reform.

"We are doing this after discussing with the (Parliament) staff so as to ensure their opportunities for promotion are there. That is why there is some flexibility for them to choose their (types of) service." **Bernama**