

CABINET TO DECIDE ON SABAH CLAIM APPEAL

Special meeting today to discuss the issue, says PM

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THE federal government will decide today whether to appeal the Kota Kinabalu High Court's decision on Sabah's 40 per cent revenue entitlement.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said a special cabinet meeting will be held to discuss the matter.

"As always, this is a country governed by law. There is a process to follow, so we will first listen to the attorney-general's views before making a final decision."

He said this after officiating the Malaysia Digital Tour here.

Anwar said his position had been conveyed previously, but the final decision will be made after hearing explanations from the Attorney-General's Chambers and the cabinet.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim officiating at the Malaysia Digital Tour in Tawau yesterday, BERNAMA PIC

He added that any cabinet reshuffle would not be on the meeting's agenda.

Commenting on the resignation of entrepreneur development and cooperatives minister Datuk Ewon Benedick, Anwar said he understood the concerns surrounding the issue but described the move as premature.

"He (Ewon) knows we have not finalised the decision on the appeal yet, because in High Court cases — especially when there are certain gaps — there is usually

room for appeal.

"However, in this case, since the mandamus involves negotiations, there may be other considerations.

"I have made clear my personal view, which leans towards avoiding an appeal."

Anwar said that the government remains committed to implementing the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63) and that allocations for Sabah will be stronger and more secure than before.