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PM: PERODUA EV A NATIONAL AGENDA

**Anwar to decide Launch date and vows to
be personally present at the event**

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd's (Perodua) upcoming electric vehicle (EV) launch, scheduled for the end of this month, will be a national agenda.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the Perodua EV embodied the principles and philosophy of the Madani concept, as it is sustainable, environmentally friendly, affordable and equipped with advanced technology.

"I mentioned the Madani concept because it is also affordable. Production must meet national needs, help drive economic growth and later support exports.

"When we use EVs that are locally made, I am deeply impressed by the capability of our local talents, especially with the research and development being done here."

Anwar said this during Perodua's 5.5 millionth vehicle rollout

ceremony and his visit and engagement session with Perodua employees here yesterday.

The event was also attended by Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz, along with Perodua president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Zainal Abidin Ahmad.

"I will decide within a day or two on the suitable date for the launch, which should take place at the end of this month. I will also instruct the Cabinet to make this Perodua launch a major national agenda," Anwar added.

The prime minister added that he would be personally present at the event to ensure it is recognised as a key national programme, emphasising that it should showcase the nation's skills, sophistication and excellence across various fields.

"From what I saw earlier, the presentation was very elegant. Based on what I witnessed and the explanations given, I must express my pride.

"Together with Tengku Zafrul, we will ensure that this launch becomes an important national programme, a fully Malaysian-made EV at an affordable price."