

## MADANI CONCEPT

# PM: LAND REGULATION MUST PROTECT PUBLIC INTEREST

Govt will also continue to pursue balanced development agenda, says Anwar

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the 82nd National Land Council meeting here yesterday has highlighted measures to enhance land regulation, ensuring that it is inclusive to protect public interest, and aligns with current

needs and realities.

He told the federal and state governments to strengthen co-operation, particularly in fast-tracking land approval processes, to ensure that development projects were implemented promptly for the benefit of the people.

Anwar added that while processes should be expedited, ex-

isting procedures must not be compromised and the states' authority over land matters must be fully respected.

"The meeting also reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that half of the country's land area remains forested, in line with international aspirations and the objectives of the 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP) 2026-2030," he said in a Facebook post.

He said the Madani government would continue to pursue a development agenda that bal-

anced human needs with environmental sustainability, in accordance with sustainability principles as a core component of the Madani concept.

Chaired by the prime minister, the National Land Council is the highest platform for coordinating national land planning and management between the federal and state governments, ensuring that land nationwide is utilised optimally and balanced between economic demands, social needs and environmental conservation. **Bernama**