

Settlement of MA63 claims needs careful consideration: PM

KOTA KINABALU: The settlement of claims under the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63) requires careful consideration of the Federal Constitution and must be supported by a two-thirds majority in Parliament, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He acknowledged that several MA63-related claims from Sabah remain unresolved but emphasised that the Madani government had made more progress than the previous administration in addressing related issues.

"If you ask about the Sabah claims that

have yet to be met, I agree. But consider this, who is supporting them? Which government? The former chief minister, the former prime minister? Who has had more discussions? How many claims have been settled?

"However, there are constitutional issues that require debate. Can we secure a two-thirds majority in Parliament? All these factors have to be considered. It is not just about Sabah demanding something - I hear their concerns, but I also have to consider the Constitution. Can we achieve the necessary

support to push this through?" he said during Sembang Santai with Sabah media practitioners yesterday.

Previously, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is chairman of the Technical Committee of the Malaysia Agreement Implementation Action Council 1963 was reported to have said that the Madani government had resolved nine MA63 demands, while the other four had been resolved by the previous government.
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