

# LOWER RON95 PETROL PRICE STILL ON

Anwar reassures public it will be before end of September, not beginning or middle

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he will not renege on his promise to reduce the price of RON95 petrol to RM1.99 by the end of this month.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, however, urged the public to be patient while waiting for the announcement and not to be swayed by misleading or inaccurate information.

“Some people are angry that retail prices of fuel have yet to drop even though September has arrived.

“I said it would be before the end of September, not the beginning or the middle of the month.

“So please be patient. If you are not Malaysian, you might have to

pay RM2.50 or RM2.60, but our people will only pay RM1.99.

“Look at other countries. None of them are reducing fuel prices. Not one,” he said when speaking at the state-level Rapat Umum 27 Tahun Reformasi assembly here yesterday.

He said the promise could be fulfilled because the federal administration took into account the needs of the people.

“Why we can do it (reduce fuel prices)... This is because we are in government. This administration thinks of the people. When we make a promise, we will deliver.

“Previously, we said from the government today, lower fuel prices tomorrow. It may have taken one or two years, but we will deliver.

“Some have asked about the many promises yet to be fulfilled. Yes, there are still many. But when you (the opposition) were in power, what did you do?

“Having that said, we (the unity government) will do our best for the people.”

He said the government’s move to provide the RM100 Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah (STR) cash aid had been well received by people from all economic backgrounds.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (left) speaking at the state-level Rapat Umum 27 Tahun Reformasi assembly in Johor Baru yesterday, NSTP PIC BY NAJMI NORAZAM

“This aid was not only for the B40 and M40 groups, but also for professionals. At the very least, it shows we care for all Malaysians.

“We will see later (on the calls to increase the amount of the aid),” he said.

On July 23, Anwar had an-

nounced that fuel prices would be reduced before the end of September.

He said the challenging economic situation and global uncertainties required various measures to ensure the national economy returned to the right track.

The move is expected to benefit 18 million car drivers and motorcyclists, including youths and gig workers.

For 2023 and 2024, subsidies for RON95 petrol alone are estimated to cost nearly RM20 billion annually.