

# 'SUBSIDY GAINS DUE TO GOOD GOVERNANCE'

Savings from rationalisation will be channelled back to people, says PM

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**G**OOD governance has enabled the government to come up with the Budi Madani RON95 (BUDI95) initiative, which entitles Malaysians to buy 300 litres of RON95 petrol at RM1.99 per litre each month.

The initiative, which will be fully rolled out on Sept 30, will benefit more than 16 million people.

Foreigners and large companies will have to pay the unsubsidised price of RM2.60 per litre.

To enjoy the subsidised price, Malaysians must ensure that they have a valid driving licence and that the chip on their MyKad is functioning.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said income level was not a factor in determining eligibility for the RON95 subsidy, similar to the recent RM100 Sumbangan Asas Rahmah (Sara) aid initiative.

He said Malaysia was the only country in the world to introduce a blanket fuel subsidy for its citizens and not for foreigners.

Anwar said despite inheriting a

large debt from the previous administration, his government could implement this through proper governance.

"It is possible because we are working towards better governance, better results and avoiding the mistakes of the past.

"If we can reduce leakages and smuggling, this can lead to even bigger returns for the people," he said at the Prime Minister's Department's monthly assembly here yesterday,

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform) Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

Anwar said the new RON95 price was still lower than many other countries, including Saudi Arabia (RM2.61 per litre), Indonesia (RM3.22 per litre), the Philippines (RM4.22 per litre), Thailand (RM5.68 per litre) and Singapore (RM9.02 per litre).



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He said the police and armed forces would be the first to access the initiative on Sept 27.

"Those in the B40 category who are also Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah recipients can begin buying subsidised RON95 from Sept 28. This is being done to familiarise the people with the mechanism in stages," he said.

E-hailing and p-hailing drivers can apply for a higher monthly limit.

He said the 300 litre per month limit was based on data that showed Malaysians on average used between 150 and 250 litres a month.

Anwar also gave his assurance that savings from the subsidy rationalisation would be channelled back to the people, such as by improving infrastructure.

He said savings from the targeted diesel subsidy enabled the government to give the one-off RM100 Sara aid to the people.

"With this (BUDI95), it's slightly more for foreigners but cheaper for citizens. The savings will be returned to the people," he said.