

DELAYED COMPLETION

Anwar visits Karak drug rehab centre project site

BENTONG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday visited the Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Centre (Puspen) in Karak to inspect construction and upgrading works that have been delayed.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, arrived at the project site at 3pm and was briefed on the remaining scope of work.

During the visit, he summoned the contractor to obtain an explanation regarding the causes of delay and current work progress at the rehabilitation centre.

The RM75 million project, which commenced in August 2021, is 92 per cent complete and expected to be fully finished by the end of May.

The upgrade will significantly increase the centre's capacity, al-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir (centre) visiting the Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Centre project site (inset) in Karak, Pahang, yesterday. With them is Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar (right). BERNAMA PIC



lowing it to house 500 residents at any one time in its new hostel blocks, compared with the current capacity of 150.

In a meeting at the site, the prime minister directed the contractor to resolve all outstanding issues and ensure that the project met its revised deadline to pre-

vent further setback.

Present were Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Wan Rosdy Wan Ismail, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Shamsul Anuar Nasarah and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar.