

**Minimum Wage For Country's Investment Future - Awang Adek
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KOTA BAHARU, MAY 1 (Bernama) -- The announcement on minimum salary for the private sector by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak last night should be viewed from the aspect of the country's investments future.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin said the decision made by the prime minister on the matter was reasonable and with justification.

"There is no meaning to development if workers' salary is low. This will ensure investments for high performing countries and this is good for us," he told reporters after flagging-off the state-level Flag Run in conjunction with Umno's 66th anniversary at Sekolah Kebangsaan Semut Api here today.

Last night, Najib announced that minimum wage for workers in Peninsular Malaysia had been set at RM900 a month or RM4.33 per hour while for Sarawak, Sabah and Labuan, the quantum was RM800 per month or RM3.85 an hour.

Awang Adek said the minimum wage was introduced to ensure workers in the public sector, especially those with families, could enjoy a comfortable life.

In another development, Awang Adek, who is also Kelantan Umno deputy liaison chief, described as "weird" the action by Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat in issuing a "fatwa" or edict that it was compulsory for opposition supporters to take part in last Saturday's public rally in the federal capital.

"If Nik Aziz said it was compulsory, why was he not with them (supporters)," he added.

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