

**I will work tirelessly to fulfil MA63, vows Anwar**

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The prime minister pays tribute to the Sarawak premier and Sabah chief minister for cooperating and giving constructive feedback as friends.

PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has vowed that he would work tirelessly to ensure the complete fulfilment of the Malaysia Agreement 1963 (MA63).

Anwar said he and his colleagues in the government, particularly in the MA63 implementation action council's technical committee, would continue to strive to see this come to pass.

While admitting that there were obstacles that Putrajaya needed to tackle, Anwar paid tribute to Sarawak premier Abang Johari Openg and Sabah chief minister Hajiji Noor for cooperating well with the federal government.

Although I acknowledge that there are challenges we must address, I am fortunate that upon assuming the role of prime minister, my two trusted friends – the chief minister of Sabah and premier of Sarawak – have

cooperated well, communicated openly and provided constructive criticism as friends, he said, according to Bernama.

They have expressed their concerns and demands, but always in the spirit of collaboration to advance our beloved Malaysia. I hope other leaders will draw inspiration from the spirit they have demonstrated.

The prime minister was speaking at the Malaysia Day celebration in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, tonight.

Previously, deputy prime minister Fadillah Yusof said 11 demands under the MA63 negotiation platform had been successfully resolved, with seven of them settled under Anwar's administration.

Anwar also said Putrajaya was committed to uplifting the dignity of every part of the country, particularly those that were rural, remote or stricken by urban poverty.

He said this could be achieved through collaboration and constant dialogue between federal and state leaders, including those from East Malaysia.

The prime minister said every state had its own set of challenges while its people's grouses must be heard.

For Malaysia to succeed, whoever becomes prime minister, a minister, or leader must serve all Malaysians, regardless of their background, he said.

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