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# Lebih 225,000 murid Tabika Kemas ikuti Program Penghafazan Juzuk 30




AHMAD Zahid Hamidi hadir pada Program Gerakan Massa Masyarakat Desa (GEMA@KKDW) Peringkat Negeri Sembilan di Felda Palong 8, Jempol hari ini.

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Timbalan Perdana Menteri , Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi berkata, program itu merupakan antara pembaharuan dilaksanakan Jabatan Kemajuan Masyarakat (Kemas) dalam memperkasakan pendidikan awal kanak-kanak.





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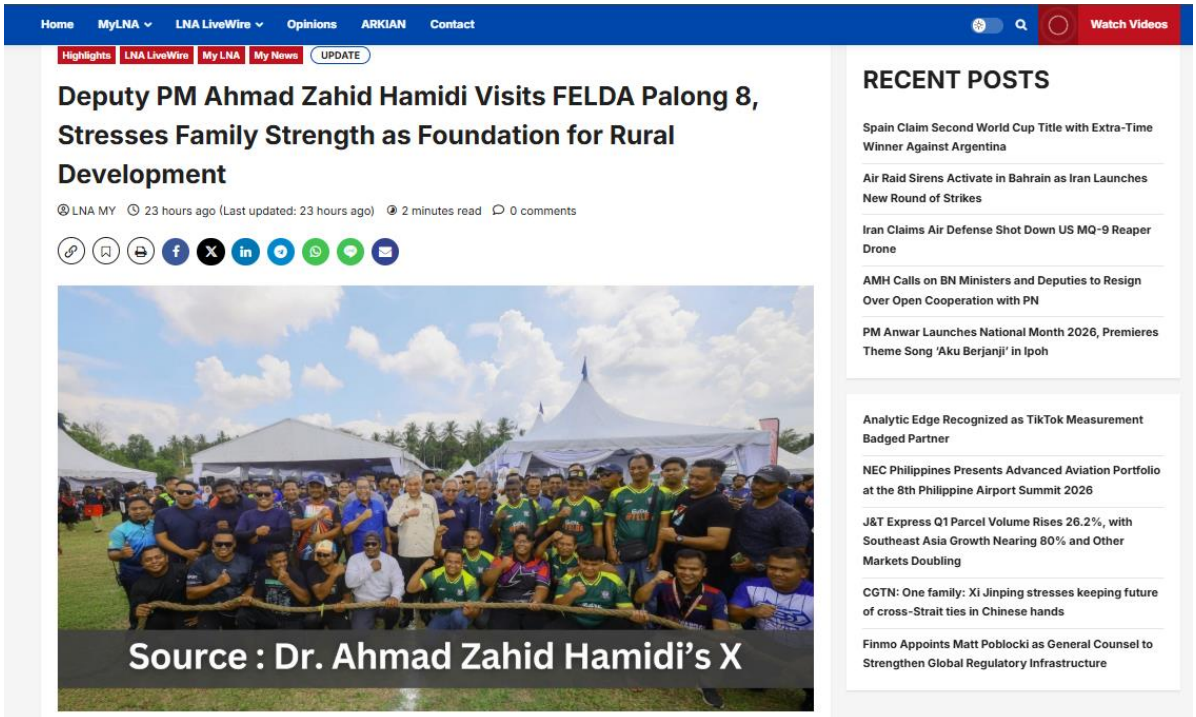

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In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Zahid, who also serves as Minister of Rural and Regional Development (KKDW) and UMNO President, highlighted the strong community spirit he witnessed among participants of all ages.

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# Perlu tindakan drastik tangani pelajar jatuh dari bangunan sekolah -Asyraf

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*Setiausaha Agung UMNO, Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki*

KUALA LUMPUR – Tindakan drastik dan tegas perlu diambil bagi menangani insiden pelajar terjatuh dari bangunan sekolah.

Pengerusi Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki membuat gesaan tersebut susulan insiden terbaharu pelajar terjatuh di bangunan sekolah yang pernah meragut nyawa Zara Qairina Mahathir.

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Roselind (tiga kiri) menyampaikan cenderamata kepada Paulus.

LAWAS: Bahagian Limbang mengesahkan status sebagai pencabar utama Program Alpha Gen Talent (AGT) @ KEMAS apabila muncul juara keseluruhan AGT@KEMAS Peringkat Zon 5 Tahun 2026 pada Sabtu selepas mendominasi lima daripada tujuh acara yang dipertandingkan sepanjang program berlangsung selama tiga hari di Padang Dataran Bandar Lawas dan Hotel Sri Malaysia, di sini.

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**Port Dickson:** Projek pembinaan jalan baharu dari Lukut ke Kampung Sirusa melalui Kampung Paya dan Kampung Bagan Pinang bernilai RM81.92 juta kini mendahului jadual pelaksanaan apabila merekodkan kemajuan fizikal 60.57 peratus, iaitu 43 hari lebih awal berbanding sasaran asal.

Perkembangan itu dimaklumkan ketika lawatan pemantauan projek oleh Timbalan Menteri Kerja Raya, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Maslan, semalam.

Beliau berkata, projek sepanjang 10 kilometer itu dijadualkan siap sepenuhnya pada 10 Ogos 2027 dan akan menjadi antara infrastruktur penting bagi memperkukuh jaringan jalan raya di daerah Port Dickson.

Menurutnya, sehingga 25 Jun lalu, kemajuan fizikal projek mencapai 60.57 peratus berbanding jadual asal sebanyak 58.20 peratus.

"Projek ini membabitkan pembinaan jalan baharu mengikut spesifikasi JKR R2, termasuk kerja pembinaan cerun, sistem saliran, pembetungan, struktur, utiliti serta kerja sokongan berkaitan bagi menyediakan laluan yang lebih selamat, selesa dan berkualiti kepada pengguna," katanya.

Projek di bawah Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW) itu diluluskan menerusi peruntukan pembangunan Kerajaan Persekutuan, manakala Jabatan Kerja Raya (JKR) Negeri Sembilan bertindak sebagai agensi pelaksana.

Lawatan pemantauan itu bertujuan meninjau kemajuan kerja di tapak, memastikan pembinaan dilaksanakan mengikut jadual, spesifikasi dan standard ditetapkan, selain mengenal pasti sebarang isu serta langkah penyelesaian bagi memastikan projek disiapkan mengikut tempoh kontrak.

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# PERDA pacu ekonomi luar bandar Pulau Pinang

Oleh TUAN BUQHAIRAH TUAN MUHAMAD ADNAN

**PUTRAJAYA** - Usaha berterusan Kementerian Kemajuan Desa dan Wilayah (KKDW) memperkukuh pembangunan luar bandar terus diterjemahkan menerusi peranan Lembaga Kemajuan Wilayah Pulau Pinang (PERDA) yang kini muncul antara pemacu utama pembangunan ekonomi bumiputera di Pulau Pinang.

Ia dilaksanakan melalui melalui pembangunan usahawan, industri halal, Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET), perumahan mampu milik serta keterjaminan makanan.

Pengerusi Ahli Lembaga Pengarah PERDA, Datuk Ir Dr Shaik Hussien Mydin berkata, agensi berkenaan sejak awal penubuhannya memberi tumpuan kepada pembangunan masyarakat luar bandar termasuk memperkasa masyarakat luar bandar agar memiliki peluang ekonomi yang lebih mampan, berdaya saing dan mampu meningkatkan taraf hidup secara berterusan.

Menurut beliau, PERDA yang ditubuhkan pada 1983 kini memfokuskan pembangunan di kawasan kampung melibatkan lima kawasan Parlimen luar bandar di Pulau Pinang.

"Tumpuan kami adalah membangunkan ekosistem luar bandar yang lengkap merangkumi pembangunan usahawan, penyediaan perumahan berkualiti, pembangunan modal insan serta peningkatan kesejahteraan masyarakat selaras dengan aspirasi Malaysia Madani dan hala tuju KKDW," katanya dalam Podcast Cerita Desa Kita Episod 4.

Beliau berkata, antara kekuatan utama PERDA ialah keupayaannya menyediakan bantuan secara menyeluruh bermula daripada pembiayaan, latihan, penyediaan premis sehingga peluang pasaran kepada usahawan.

"Sama ada bantuan perumahan mahupun sokongan keusahawanan, PERDA menyediakan ekosistem pembangunan yang menyeluruh bermula daripada latihan, pembiayaan, penyediaan premis, pembangunan kapasiti sehingga akses kepada pasaran bagi memastikan masyarakat luar bandar mampu berkembang daripada penerima bantuan kepada pencipta peluang ekonomi," katanya.

Shaik Hussien berkata, pendekatan itu diterjemahkan secara lebih agresif menerusi pembangunan industri halal yang kini dilihat bukan lagi sekadar sektor sokongan, sebaliknya antara pemacu ekonomi baharu luar bandar dengan potensi pasaran berskala antarabangsa.

Menurut beliau, PERDA mula membangunkan sektor tersebut sejak 2005 menerusi penyediaan hampir 100 ekar (40 hektar) tanah untuk industri halal selain memperluaskan fasiliti sedia ada melalui pembangunan Halal Park Fasa 2 melibatkan kos RM35 juta.



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Shaik Hussien (kanan) dalam Podcast Cerita Desa Kita Episod 4 bertajuk Lebih Empat Dekad Membina Wilayah Utara, yang dihoskan oleh Ketua Komunikasi Korporat KKDW, Nor Najihah Sukor.

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"Sektor halal merupakan antara pemacu utama ekonomi yang bernilai berbilion ringgit. Jadi PERDA menyediakan pelbagai platform dan peluang kepada usahawan di Pulau Pinang, khususnya usahawan bumiputera, untuk menceburi serta mengembangkan perniagaan dalam industri halal.

"Ramai jutawan halal di Pulau Pinang adalah bermula daripada PERDA termasuklah Jeruk Madu Pak Ali yang berkembang melalui kemudahan kilang disediakan oleh PERDA, yang sehingga kini masih dimiliki oleh PERDA.

"Kita memberikan bantuan kewangan tanpa faedah, sewa bangunan paling murah. Tidak ketinggalan PERDA menyediakan kursus-kursus usahawan yang merangkumi perakaunan sehingga pemasaran secara percuma," kata Shaik Hussien.

Beliau berkata, kejayaan usahawan tidak hanya bergantung kepada bantuan kewangan, sebaliknya memerlukan pembentukan minda, daya tahan dan keupayaan menyesuaikan diri dengan perubahan pasaran.

**EXPERT bantu usahawan adaptasi digital**

Penganjuran Expo PERDA (EXPERT) turut menjadi platform strategik mempertemukan usahawan dengan agensi kerajaan, institusi kewangan, pemain industri dan bakal pelabur bagi memperluaskan jaringan perniagaan serta meningkatkan daya saing perusahaan luar bandar.

Shaik Hussien berkata, program berkenaan bukan hanya memberi ruang jualan kepada usahawan kecil dan sederhana, malah membuka peluang *networking* bersama agensi kerajaan, pemain industri serta usahawan berjaya.

Menurut beliau, penganjuran EXPERT turut dijadikan medium mempercepatkan proses adaptasi digital dalam kalangan usahawan apabila semua transaksi pembayaran dilaksanakan secara dalam talian.

**Fokus pembangunan TVET**

Dalam perkembangan lain, beliau berkata, PERDA kini memberi perhatian besar terhadap pembangunan TVET melalui Institut Kemahiran Tinggi PERDA (PERDA-Tech) di Nibong Tebal yang menawarkan latihan kemahiran mengikut kehendak industri semasa.

Katanya, antara bidang diberikan tumpuan termasuk automotif, fesyen, kimpalan dan teknologi kenderaan elektrik (EV) susulan permintaan tinggi terhadap tenaga kerja mahir di dalam serta luar negara.

"Kita juga ada pusat belajar untuk EV BYD. Semua di Perda Tech yang disediakan secara percuma," katanya.

Shaik Hussien berkata, persepsi masyarakat yang selama ini melihat TVET sebagai pilihan kedua perlu diubah kerana sektor tersebut kini menawarkan peluang kerjaya lebih pantas dengan pendapatan kompetitif.

"TVET adalah yang terbaik di dunia, bukan hanya di Malaysia. Negara kekurangan pakar yang mempunyai kemahiran *hands-on*," katanya.

Beliau berkata, antara kursus yang mendapat permintaan tinggi ialah kimpalan bawah laut yang mampu memberikan pendapatan hampir RM10,000 kepada graduan sebaik memasuki pasaran kerja.

**INFO**

- Agensi pembangunan luar bandar utama di Pulau Pinang sejak 1983
- Fokus kepada pembangunan usahawan bumiputera dan masyarakat kampung
- Pemacu industri halal terbesar di utara Malaysia
- Sediakan melebihi 100 ekar tanah untuk pembangunan industri halal
- Bangunkan Halal Park Fasa 2 bernilai RM35 juta
- Sediakan premis perniagaan pada kadar sewaan murah
- Beri pinjaman tanpa faedah kepada usahawan
- Latihkan ramai jutawan halal dari Pulau Pinang
- Jeruk Madu Pak Ali antara usahawan berjaya dibantu PERDA
- Anjur Expo PERDA (EXPERT) sebagai platform jaringan perniagaan usahawan
- Terap budaya perniagaan digital dan pembayaran tanpa tunai
- Sediakan kursus keusahawanan percuma termasuk pemasaran dan perakaunan
- Operasikan Institut Kemahiran Tinggi PERDA (PERDA-Tech) di Nibong Tebal
- Tawar latihan TVET dalam bidang automotif, fesyen dan kimpalan
- Wujud kelas latihan EV dengan kerjasama BYD
- Sediakan pengajian, makanan dan hostel percuma kepada pelajar layak
- Bina lebih 10,000 rumah mampu milik untuk rakyat Pulau Pinang
- Laksana skim rumah sewa beli sekitar RM200 sebulan
- Kekalkan hampir 1,000 ekar tanah pertanian demi keterjaminan makanan
- Bantu usahawan eksport produk ke luar negara

**Penyediaan rumah mampu milik**

Selain membantu pembangunan modal insan, PERDA turut meneruskan agenda sosial menerusi penyediaan rumah mampu milik kepada golongan berpendapatan rendah di Pulau Pinang termasuk skim sewa beli pada kadar sekitar RM200 sebulan.

Menurut beliau, lebih 10,000 rumah telah dibangunkan PERDA setakat ini dan kebanyakannya kini menjadi aset bernilai tinggi kepada pemilik asal.

Beliau berkata, penyediaan perumahan mampu milik bukan sekadar memenuhi keperluan memiliki tempat tinggal, malah menjadi pemangkin kepada peningkatan taraf hidup, kestabilan ekonomi keluarga dan kesejahteraan komuniti luar bandar secara menyeluruh.

"Kita mahu PERDA terus menjadi rakan pembangunan yang dipercayai oleh rakyat dalam memperkasa komuniti luar bandar melalui peluang ekonomi, pembangunan modal insan dan kesejahteraan yang mampan agar manfaat pembangunan dapat dinikmati oleh setiap lapisan masyarakat," katanya.

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# Orang Asli farmers' sweet venture

## Semai villagers in Ulu Bekor eye long-term gains in stingless bee honey project

**Photos: Bernama**

PATIENCE has become the guiding principle for a group of Semai indigenous villagers in Ulu Bekor, Perak, who have ventured into stingless bee honey (*madu kelulut*) production despite facing uncertain returns since its launch in 2024.

The project, managed by the Ulu Bekor Indigenous Village Development and Security Committee (JPKKOA), initially drew 16 participants.

However, interest waned over the months, leaving only seven committed members.

Project chairman Pandak Uda Bada, 62, said slow financial returns had discouraged many.

"Patience is essential because stingless bee farming takes time to generate income.

"Many gave up halfway because the returns were slow to come, and they moved on to other jobs or sought income elsewhere," Pandak Uda told Bernama.

Located about 34km from Kuala Kangsar town, Ulu Bekor comprises two indigenous settlements – Kampung Orang Asli (KOA) Mendering and KOA Balang.

The joint initiative between the two villages was kick-started by a one-off RM100,000 grant under the Federal Government's *"Program Sejati Madani"* in 2024.

### Harnessing biodiversity

According to Pandak Uda, who is also the Tok Batin (village chief) of KOA Balang, the idea was first proposed by KOA Mendering Tok Batin Uda Awai Busu Kechek, 70, who saw the economic potential of the rich biodiversity of Ulu Bekor's forests, the natural habitat of these native bee species.

"Since we started in August 2024, the project has generated a cumulative income of only RM20,250," said Pandak Uda.

"On good months, we can earn up to RM2,000 in total, but it depends heavily on conditions.

"When the weather is bad and rain continues for days, like it did earlier last year, we cannot harvest honey, which means there is no income," he explained.




Pandak Uda in front of a signpost for the Kampung Orang Asli (KOA) Ulu Bekor stingless bee farm.

He added that newly established bee colonies required around six months to develop honey pots before producing honey for harvest, with subsequent harvesting cycles taking place every 40 days.

Despite these challenges, Pandak Uda, who has headed the JPKKOA for three terms, remains optimistic.

"I need to keep learning and find solutions to the problems we face on the farm.

"Although it is challenging, I genuinely enjoy caring for these stingless bees," he said.

He highlighted that stingless bees preferred cooler, shaded conditions when foraging.

"During prolonged rainfall, they stop collecting nectar or will abandon their hives in search of safer locations, resulting in zero harvests between November and January.

"On top of that, we have to contend with pests such as monkeys, black soldier flies, hornets and beetles," he said.

For Pandak Uda, the project also offers personal health benefits.

"I drink stingless bee honey mixed with lemon water every morning.

"Even at 62, I still have the energy to tap rubber at three locations before heading to the bee farm at 7am to clear the area and monitor threats," he said.

### Unique forest honey

*Sejati Madani* project coordinator Muhamad Fahmi Md Noor, 33, said the initiative spanned 2.02ha, with 1.21ha dedicated to intensive stingless bee farming within a shaded rubber plantation.

Muhamad Fahmi, who represents non-governmental organisation Pertubuhan Komuniti Muslim Ulu Bekor, acts as a facilitator for the area's Muslim indigenous community.

The farm currently manages 50 log hives made from forest timber, housing various species such as *Heterotrigona itama* (the main species), *Geniotrigona thoracica* (the largest and most valuable species), *Lophotrigona canifrons* (known for its aggressive nature), *Fimbriata*, *Apicalis* (resin-producing species) and *Terminata* (a smaller species).

Each natural log hive costs between RM200 and RM1,000, purchased directly from local residents.

Muhamad Fahmi said the close proximity to the forest gave their honey a distinct character, inspiring the brand name *"Madu Kelulut Pesisir Hutan"*.

"We guarantee our honey is 100% pure.

"Our approach is to invite customers to visit the farm and taste the honey directly from the hive to build trust," he said.





Bottled honey among the products made by the Orang Asli in Kuala Kangsar.

Harvesting stingless bee honey at the farm.

The honey is marketed in two forms: raw honey and dehydrated honey.

"Raw honey is stored in refrigerators to preserve its quality because its water content exceeds 20%.

"Dehydrated honey, on the other hand, is processed according to standards set under the Food Act 1983 and can be stored at room temperature," he elaborated.

Prices range from RM10 for small bottles to RM300 for 1kg packs.

The community has also ventured into value-added products, producing bath soaps and facial soaps made from propolis and bee bread.

### Vision for 2030

Looking ahead, Muhamad Fahmi said the group aimed to transform Ulu Bekor into Perak's leading stingless bee honey production hub by 2030, targeting 900 hive logs.

"In the past, many Orang Asli simply supplied log hives to outside operators.

"Our aspiration is for them to become the caretakers and beneficiaries of their own forest resources.

"We are currently seeking strategic collaboration with the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority (Risda) to expand market reach and obtain authenticity certification from agencies such as the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (Mardi) to facilitate labelling under the Food Act 1983," he said.

To support eco-tourism and improve accessibility to the farm, the Drainage and Irrigation Department constructed a 1km tarred road, enabling regular vehicles to reach the farm.

Muhamad Fahmi added that the Orang Asli Development Department (Jakoa) had committed to providing 30 additional hive logs this year and would assist with marketing at state and national entrepreneur exhibitions.

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Masidi (centre) with Pamela Joseph, Ismail Badri and members of the MRSM Ranau delegation during a courtesy call at his office.

# MRSM Ranau among 4 best

**Stefyanie Myla Micheal**

KOTA KINABALU: MRSM Ranau has been named the Best Mara Educational Institution 2026 after delivering outstanding results in the 2025 Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination, an achievement that also placed it among the country's top four MRSMs.

The national award was presented in conjunction with the Hari Anugerah Pendidik Mara 2026, while the achievement also saw MRSM Ranau emerge as the best-performing institution among the nine MRSMs in Borneo.

Deputy Chief Minister II and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Masidi Manjun congratulated the institution, describing the achievement as a testament to the dedication and commitment of its management, teachers, students and parents.

He said the recognition reflected MRSM Ranau's continued excellence in producing high-achieving students.

"The State Government is proud of this achievement because it proves that Sabah's children are capable of competing and excelling at the highest level when given quality education and continuous support," he said.

Masidi said this when receiving a courtesy call from the Malaysia Muafakat Body (Badan Pemuafakatan Malaysia) MRSM Ranau branch, led by its chairperson Pamela Joseph, together with MRSM Ranau principal Ismail Badri and their delegation at his office.

He expressed hope that the success would inspire other educational institutions in Sabah to continue striving for excellence in academic achievement, character development and student leadership.

Masidi also conveyed his appreciation to Mara for its continued commitment to providing quality education and producing competitive human capital that would contribute to the development of Sabah and the nation.

Meanwhile, Ismail thanked Masidi for his continued support, concern and commitment to the development of the education sector, particularly in Ranau.

He said Masidi's support for education and human capital development had encouraged institutions in the district to improve academic performance while producing students who are academically excellent, competitive and of good character.

Ismail said MRSM Ranau's success in receiving the Best Mara Educational Institution 2026 award and being ranked among the top four of 57 MRSMs nationwide was the result of a collective effort.

"This award is the outcome of the integrated efforts of all parties, including the continuous support of leaders, educators, parents and students," he said.

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*Orang Asli villagers of Kampung Sungai Cot in Maran, Pahang, and representatives of non-governmental organisations speaking to a policeman outside the residence of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in Bandar Sungai Long, Kajang, on Friday.* NSTP PIC BY KALBANA PERIMBANAYAGAM

SEEKING FAIR SOLUTION

# PM STEPS IN OVER ORANG ASLI LAND ROW

Anwar says the federal govt will contact the Pahang govt soon

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will raise the land dispute involving the Orang Asli of Kampung Sungai Cot, Maran, with the Pahang government after meeting representatives of the affected villagers.

He said he had spoken with the villagers who came to his residence in Bandar Sungai Long near here on Friday and listened to their concerns about the land dispute and the detention of three villagers.

"Alhamdulillah, I have been informed that those detained have been released by police," he said in a Facebook post on Friday night.

Anwar reminded all parties not to exploit the issue, but to allow room for a fair solution.

The visit came after villagers — including Juliana Jazlin Ismail, 34, and her 7-year-old daughter — travelled from Maran to seek the federal government's intervention over the alleged demolition and burning of homes in their village.

Juliana said she was relieved that their concerns had been heard, adding that the community wanted only justice and protection of their rights.

Anwar, who spoke to the villagers by phone as he was not at home, instructed the Prime Minister's Office Strategic Security Division director Khairil Hilmi Mokhtar to meet the group and provide aid.

Khairil said the government's priority was to ensure the affected families had shelter, food and access to healthcare. He added that the Orang Asli Development Department had been instructed to assist the families.

However, he said the government had yet to receive the full details surrounding the alleged demolition of homes.

He said the federal government would engage the Pahang government and authorities, including the Maran land office, after establishing the facts.

Both sides had agreed to meet on Wednesday to discuss the matter.