

Manage zakat properly – Anwar



Anwar (centre), declaring open the 2024 MAIWP Carnival which was held at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa.

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said that zakat management, if not done properly, could cause disparities as well as defects in the distribution of aid to target groups.

In a post on the Facebook and X page yesterday, the Prime Minister said that he had touched on the matter while speaking at

the MAIWP Carnival 2024, which was one of the events held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP) yesterday.

"Thus, zakat management must always be at a good and excellent level, while avoiding the occurrence of unequal distribution to the extent that there are families who do

not receive it at all.

"The same goes for hardcore poverty, education and health where these matters must also be dealt with correctly," he said.

Earlier yesterday, Anwar opened the 2024 MAIWP Carnival which was held at Taman Tasik Titiwangsa.

MAIWP needs to coordinate the distribution of zakat aid with other agencies to ensure that the funds reach those who are truly in need.

Anwar said that if there is no coordination, there will be a family that will receive help several times while another family will not receive any assistance at all.

"One of MAIWP's tasks is to coordinate with other agencies, otherwise one family will get four times (of aid), and another family will not receive any assistance at all... hence, I hope this will be managed properly.

"The minister, deputy minister and chairman, their jobs are not just to continue these activities but to ensure that every sen from the people returns to the

people and cannot be used for personal matter," he said yesterday.

Anwar also wants MAIWP to exercise good governance and stop all unnecessary expenses to ensure that the agency becomes a symbol of ummah pride.

To further improve the agency's performance and identify any weaknesses in zakat management, the Prime Minister has given MAIWP a month to submit a detailed report and propose new measures.

According to Anwar, it can serve as a model for agencies in other states.

"Our responsibility (as) the next generation is to ensure that zakat affairs are managed carefully; that's why I said in Penang (previously), how can we accept the fact that we collect so much zakat money but there are still the poor who don't have enough to eat, who could not provide uniforms for their school-going children, still not taken care of.

"I would like to thank MAIWP and the Kuala Lumpur City Hall for helping the zakat distribution process with other agencies well," he said. – Bernama