

PM: FOR EVERY TREE CUT, PLANT 100

This follows minister's order to cut down high-risk trees

KUALA LUMPUR

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has instructed the Kuala Lumpur City Hall to plant 100 new trees for each tree that needs to be cut down.

This came following Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa instruction to City Hall to cut down high-risk trees after another tree fell in the city and damaged a vehicle.

"I have given instructions to the KL mayor that for every tree that needs to be cut down, 100 new trees must be planted," Anwar said in a post on X.

On Monday, a tree in Jalan Pinang fell on a police escort vehicle. The occupants escaped unhurt.

Last week, a man was killed and another was injured after a tree fell on 17 vehicles in Jalan Sultan Ismail during a thunderstorm.



A Kuala Lumpur City Hall worker pruning a tree in Jalan Lembah yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF CITY HALL

The fallen tree also damaged part of the KL monorail track, disrupting services for a day.

In **Putrajaya**, Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming said the National Landscape Department has been tasked with identifying suitable trees for roadside shade in urban areas.

This, he said, was among matters discussed in yesterday's cabinet meeting.

"The department (also) encour-

ages the local governments to send their staff for courses (in arboriculture) to become 'tree doctors'," Nga added.

Speaking at the soft launch of the National Landscape Day, he said the department had issued comprehensive guidelines and was organising workshops on tree maintenance.

Page 1 pic: Kuala Lumpur City Hall workers cutting down a tree in Jalan Lembah yesterday.