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# PM reiterates objective of Urban Renewal Act to uplift lives

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Friday reiterated that the government's move to introduce an Urban Renewal (PSB) Act is rooted in the need to provide better living conditions for Malaysians long trapped in dilapidated housing.

Anwar said that the legal status of land involved in the urban renewal projects will remain unchanged, regardless of whether it is privately owned, under state authority, or located on Malay Reserve land.

"There are people living in public housing (PPR) flats that are over 50 years old, in overcrowded, uncomfortable conditions, plagued by serious social and disciplinary issues, all due to prolonged pressure and neglect.

"That is why it is our responsibility to focus on these areas and rebuild the housing. Unfortunately, this initiative is being politicised and falsely portrayed as an attempt to steal Malay land or as part of a so-called Chinese agenda to displace

Malays from the city," he said at the launch of the Warisan KL: Warisan Ibu Kota Malaysia MADANI project on Friday.

Present were Federal Territories Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Shamsul Azri Abu Bakar, and City Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif.

In his speech, Anwar cited the Seri Perlis flats as an example of poor living conditions, describing them as "most suffocating" and expressing personal disappointment over the situation.

"If we continue to allow such conditions, I wouldn't be proud as Prime Minister if I couldn't do something to rebuild and improve these homes," he said.

At the same time, the Prime Minister said the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) will ensure that temporary housing for residents during the urban renewal projects will prioritise comfort and essential amenities.

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