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Anwar: State govts should follow City Hall stall plan

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has urged state governments and local councils to follow Kuala Lumpur City Hall's example in redeveloping business hubs for small Malay traders and hawkers.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said the majority of Malaysians still relied on small stalls and eateries, and it would be wrong for the government to sideline them.

"That is why I call on local governments and state administrations to emulate what we have done in Kuala Lumpur.

"Do not neglect the interests of small traders and hawkers, especially Malays, in our communities.

"I hope this call will be heard by senior officials in local councils." he added.

He said this at the Golden Jubilee Dinner of the Coalition of Malay Hawkers and Petty Traders Associations of Malaysia here on Friday.

Present were Deputy Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister Datuk Seri R. Ramanan and Media Prima Bhd group chairman Datuk Seri Dr Syed Hussian Aljunid.