

Govt to study suitable developments on wakaf land - PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: A study on wakaf land will be carried out to identify suitable developments that benefit the people, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Wakaf is a tradition in Islam started with Muhammad prophet PBUH, with a date farm and the Quba mosque in Madinah.

"This tradition is continued by Muslims, either through construction of wakaf buildings not only mosques, but also education institutions such as the Al-Azhar University," he said in a speech at the launch of the 2023 National Wakaf Month broadcast live on TV AlHijrah today.

Wakaf is cash or property donated for religious causes and cannot be sold, transferred or inherited by anyone.

Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, said companies, especially those owned by the government, must find a new direction in developing wakaf.

"In tabling the 2023 Budget, I had announced Wakaf Madani to optimise assets valued at more than RM1 billion, with the commitment of the private sector.

"For that purpose, the government will announce in detail and steps that should be taken to develop wakaf as a whole, soon."

Anwar is currently on a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia until tomorrow, the first outside of Asean since being appointed as the 10th prime minister on Nov 24 last year.