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'Radical Approach to Solve Big Issues'



Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli (front row, third from right) with Bernama deputy editor-in-chief (economic news services) D. Arul Rajoo (left), Bernama TV and Bernama Radio broadcasting head Mohd Shukri Ishak (back row, second from right) and employees posing for a photograph after the airing of 'Buletin Bernama' in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. BERNAMA PIC

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'RADICAL APPROACH TO SOLVE BIG ISSUES'

12MP Mid-Term Review includes 17 policy shifts to fix economic problems, says Rafizi

KUALA LUMPUR

THE 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) Mid-Term Review (MTR), which will be tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today, encompasses 17 policy shifts or radical approaches, in line with the economic situation.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli said the policy transitions would provide a way out for issues that arose during the 10MP and the 11MP.

"We always talk about the country being 'trapped', such as by a weakening economy, low (ringgit) value and dependency on foreign labour.

"These issues keep re-emerging and the policies that were previously implemented were not radical enough, in my opinion. "So the government is taking a radical approach to resolve major issues in the economy."

He said this after his appearance as a guest on Bernama TV's *Buletin Bernama* on Saturday.

Rafizi said the policy transitions took into account the views of industries and stakeholders, as well as the country's financial capacity, the availability of skills and the people's acceptance.

"The launch of the National Energy Transition Roadmap was a major move taken by the government ahead of the tabling of the MTR, and the response seems to be positive.

"We have a great commitment to change our approach because these problems have been going

on for a long time and the current mandate should be continued with radical reforms."

Even though there might be some parties who would not be too keen on the reforms, he said he was confident that within two to three years, industries, as well as the people, would see and be receptive to the results from the policy transitions.

The six-day special sitting of the Dewan Rakyat, slated to begin today, will focus on the tabling of the 12MP MTR.

The review was carried out to evaluate the achievements of the five-year plan in its first two years (2021 to 2022) and the direction for the next three years (2023 to 2025) towards achieving a sustainable, prosperous and high-income nation, taking into account domestic challenges and global trends.

The 12MP was tabled by former prime minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob on Sept 27, 2021, with an estimated development allocation of RM400 billion. **Bernama**

Padu database hub set for trial run in November

KUALA LUMPUR: The Central Database Hub (Padu) is expected to undergo a trial run in November before being accessible to the public in January next year for personal information verification, said Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli on Saturday.

He said the development of Padu, which collates the socio-economic information of every Malaysian household, was proceeding as scheduled. "Based on Padu's project timeline, it is expected to be completed by October before testing

begins from November to December using data from a group of Malaysians who had registered earlier.

"God willing, if all goes well, Padu will be ready to hold (gather) the entire population's data in January 2024."

He said this after appearing on Bernama TV's *Buletin Bernama* here.

On May 15, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim agreed to set up Padu to combine the socio-economic information of households to streamline the implementation of targeted

subsidies.

Rafizi said the hub would cover 270 databases from ministries, federal government agencies, state governments and statutory bodies through data-sharing agreements.

He said once Parliament passed the proposed Omnibus Act, it would take over the governance of data sharing and supersede these agreements.

He said one of the goals of the act, which will be tabled in June next year, was to safeguard security to facilitate data sharing. **Bernama**

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