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## Govt's Padu database to go live in January, says Rafizi



Economy minister Rafizi Ramli said Padu's development is 60% complete and will be ready for trial in November. (Bernama pic)

PUTRAJAYA: Padu, an integrated database that allows for information to be shared among various arms of government, is 60% complete, economy minister Rafizi Ramli said.

At a press conference today, Rafizi said the government will test Padu in November before allowing it to be used by the public in January to verify personal information.

"As of now, the process of developing the system, which combines socioeconomic information for every Malaysian household, is running smoothly according to the planned timeline.

"If everything goes well, then Padu will be ready to hold the entire data of Malaysians in January 2024," he said.

In May, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Padu had been set up to combine the socioeconomic information of every household in the country to streamline the implementation of targeted subsidies.

Rafizi also said the government will table an omnibus bill next year to authorise data sharing between ministries and agencies.

An omnibus bill would authorise data sharing among ministries and agencies without the need to make amendments to various pieces of legislation.