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Minister says database was created using existing allocations and infrastructure

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ECONOMY Minister Rafizi Ramli has denied allegations from "voices of dissent" claiming that the development of the government's Central Database System (Padu) is a waste as it involves contracts worth hundreds of millions of ringgit.

Rafizi said Padu was developed by civil servants from the Economy Ministry, the Statistics Department and the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu) in collaboration with other agencies.

"The strength of Padu lies in the fact that it involves the expertise of the entire civil service, not consultants and external contractors," he said on his Facebook account yesterday.

He said civil servants developed Padu using existing allocations and infrastructure without the need to open new tenders to private entities, thus not incurring more expenses.

"It surpasses all projects involving systems implemented by private entities in the past in terms of the capability to complete systems that cater to the needs of the government and the people in a short time," he said.

Rafizi said Padu was developed between May and this month, and would not involve annual payments to private system providers because it belonged to the government.

"Padu was completed within a short time by civil servants who worked day and night for seven months without additional allocations.

"...I threw a challenge to the



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core team from the Economy Ministry, the Statistics Department and Mampu, saying that it was an opportunity to prove the expertise of civil servants."

He said kudos should be handed out to them.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will launch Padu on Tuesday.

The system will be opened for three months for Malaysians to verify and update their socio-economic data.

"When you enter Padu, information in government databases (over 270) is available.

"For example, personal information (name, identification card, age, gender, etc), information on income, vehicles, children and dependents.

"But the information must be verified and updated to ensure that the government data is applied fairly to the people because data from Padu will be used to give subsidies to eligible groups in the future," he said.

He said Padu involved the development of the largest data system ever made by the public sector and possibly the largest in the country's history because it involved details for each of the 32 million citizens.

"Thank you to civil servants and the team from various agencies for their hard work from May until Padu can be launched by the prime minister next week."

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