

PM directs MCMC and ministry to fix Internet issues at public universities

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has directed the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) and the Higher Education Ministry to collaborate in addressing Internet connectivity issues at public universities.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil said Anwar wanted the process to be expedited, especially given the upcoming new semester.

"God willing, (Higher Education Minister) Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir and I will address this promptly," Fahmi said during the weekly press conference following the cabinet meeting today.

He said the matter was brought up in today's cabinet meeting following the National Digital Economy and Fourth Industrial Revolution Council meeting last week.

The government, through MCMC and KPT, has been working to improve the Internet connectivity at public universities at least since a year ago.

In January 2023, Fahmi instructed MCMC to provide a comprehensive report on the issue.

He said the report was important as a basis for him to understand the matter affecting university students.

Later that year, Fahmi said MCMC would hold engagement sessions with all university development departments to assess the Internet infrastructure on their respective campuses.

Later, the then higher education minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin said his ministry would prioritise efforts to upgrade networks, including the expansion and improvement of WiFi coverage at all public universities.