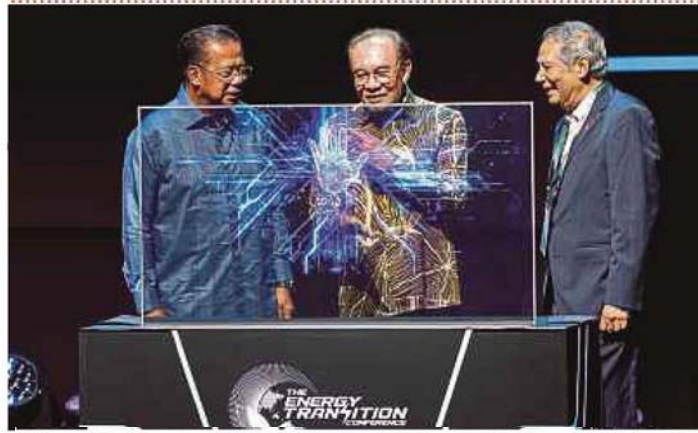




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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at the launch of the 2026 Energy Transition Conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Present are Deputy Energy Transition and Water Transformation Minister Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Mohamad (left) and Tenaga Nasional Bhd chairman Tan Sri Abdul Razak Abdul Majid. BERNAMA PIC

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Govt will strive for just energy transition aligning with national values, says Anwar

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**P**RIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is confident that Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) will help steer Malaysia's energy transition while harnessing the potential of artificial intelligence (AI).

Anwar said the government remained committed to a just transition that would ensure energy security and align AI development with national values.

"I have full confidence in TNB's ability to guide our energy transition and to deliver on the promises of AI and energy.

"We will deliver our promise to the rakyat that our transition will be just. Our energy will be secure. And that AI will serve this nation and our values," he said at the Energy Transition Conference by TNB at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday.

Anwar also said the mushrooming of data centres and interest in AI and semiconductors in the region would require more water and energy.

"That's why I made a particular reference to the capacity of the TNB leadership for responding to this demand and insistence fast enough. That shows resilience and capacity," he said.

Anwar, who is also finance minister, said external factors could disrupt supply chains and energy markets, citing tensions stemming from the Strait of Hormuz.

"While the epicentre is not in the region, it has affected the entire region, straining the supply lines that feed industries and power poles, and triggering energy emergencies in Asean, neighbouring countries and, in fact, throughout the world."

He also said the region's energy demand was projected to rise by more than 60 per cent by 2040, driven by continued urbanisation and industrialisation.