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KUCHING: The special announcement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday reflects the Madani government's commitment to upholding the trust and welfare of the people, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

Describing it as a call for national unity and gratitude, Fadillah said the package recognises the contributions of Malaysians from all walks of life—from rural communities and urban centres to civil servants and farmers.

"This is clear proof that Malaysia Madani is not just a slogan but a national movement that we indulge in successfully together," he said in a statement.

Fadillah said the aid package reflects the Prime Minister's acknowledgment of Malaysians as the backbone of the country's stability, and stressed that the government remains firm on policy and clear in direction.

"The Prime Minister has succeeded in instilling confidence that fiscal reforms are on the right track, with the people's support as the main thrust," he added.

Fadillah said the strengthening of the Gross Domestic Product in the first quarter of 2025, which reached 4.4 per cent and a projection of 4.5 per cent for the second quarter; climbing 11 steps to the 23rd position in the Global Resilience Index 2025; and the strengthening of the ringgit by 5 per cent, proved that the success achieved is not just numbers on papers.

Headed that the measures also demonstrate the effectiveness of the Madani government's policy in safeguarding the public interest.

"As a Sarawakian, I have seen for myself the true meaning of a comprehensive policy.

"The increase in paddy floor prices, rubber incentives, and grassroots programmes such as Sejati Madani are tangible



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responses to the needs of the rural communities," he said.

He cited the Madani Village Adoption Programme, which has been expanded to 200 villages, and the target of 1,000 Madani-adopted schools by the end of 2025 as other examples.

Additionally, the expansion of the Madani Rahmah Sale to 600 state constituencies nationwide is expected to benefit communities at every level.

As Minister of Energy Transition and Water Transformation, Fadillah also expressed appreciation for efforts in restructuring energy subsidies and electricity tariffs.

Starting in July, 85 per cent of the population will enjoy up to 14 per cent reductions in electricity bills, he said.

"RON95 subsidies will be targeted, with prices reduced to RM1.99 per litre and savings channelled back to the people, not foreigners."

He emphasised that these reforms do not burden the people but instead provide justice and relief to the majority.

"As minister responsible for Sabah and Sarawak affairs, I also welcome the announcement of an additional public holiday on Sept 15 in conjunction with Malaysia Day this year," he added.

"Let us all unite, join forces, and continue to support the Madani agenda that gives meaning to the people's lives. From villages to cities, from the peninsula to Borneo, all Malaysians deserve to enjoy fair and equitable progress."