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KUALA LUMPUR: Natural Resources and Environmental Sus-tainability Minister Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad has given his assur-ance that the government is committed to beginning the transi-

tion of its fleet to electric vehicles (EVs) this year. Nik Nazmi did not give a timeframe for the transition but said it would begin on a small scale. "Last year, the government announced the transition. I think the government's fleet being con-verted to EVs will start soon. "It will not be implemented in

total because it is a huge fleet and because of the financial implications. "We have to double-check, but

it will start this year," he said after the soft launch of the Interna-tional Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia. On Sunday, utility giant Tenaga

Nasional Bhd said it would elec-trify 30 per cent of its vehicles by 2030, involving more than 1,000 units. TNB president and chief exec-

utive officer Datuk Seri Baharin Din said the move aligned with Malaysia's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. On Oct 13, Prime Minister

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said

Nazmi Nik Ahmad (centre) at the soft launch of the International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre yesterday. PIC BY SAIFULLIZAN

the government would use EVs as official cars after announcing more than RM170 million in in-

vestments by various companies in the local EV industry. Anwar, during the tabling of the 2024 Budget, said the EV in-

dustry's development would be

given emphasis. The investments, he added, in-cluded the installation of 180 EV charging stations by TNB, Gen-tari and Tesla Malaysia, among others.

