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SAYS ANWAR**

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has described the play "Sungai Mengalir Lesu" as entertaining and deeply moving, with a clear message about societal suffering and anxiety.

Anwar said the play, which is about Malaysia's multiracial community during World War II, captured the voices of the people, including marginalised and outcast groups.

The play is based on a 1967 novel written by National Laureate Datuk Seri Dr Abdul Samad Mohamed Said, who is commonly known as A. Samad Said.

It highlights the spirit of unity, tolerance, and resilience of the people in facing the challenges of war.

"This is a great work by a laureate whom we respect and honour.

"A. Samad Said is so creative in expressing the sorrows of society that it is capable of touching the conscience," Anwar said after the performance at the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka Auditorium last night.

Anwar said the message carried in the work offered an important lesson, that leaders must not be separated from the reality of the people's lives.

"In the responsibility of governance, we must try to understand and feel the anxieties of groups that remain marginalised in society," he said.