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`Sack those who cannot deliver'

reports on "Dewan Rakyat" by Ramlan Said; Ainon Mohd; Patrick Sennyah  
GOVERNMENT backbencers urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad  
to review the entire government structure and sack the non-performers,  
paving the way for a more pro-active and dedicated workforce.

Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin (BN-Kinabatangan) said this was necessary  
considering there were those who were not performing and were merely  
placing an extra burden on others.

He said there was also a need to review the appointments of some  
Ministers and also MPs as they failed to perform their tasks.

Debating the Supplementary Supply (2001)(No 2) Bill 2001, he said, the  
performance of all the Ministers, their deputies and Parliamentary  
Secretaries as well as senior government officers should be evaluated and  
those who failed to perform should be asked to leave.

"We receive so many complaints and criticisms from the grassroots  
against those who fail to carry out their responsibilities. If it is  
proven that anyone of them cannot deliver, their place should be replaced  
by others who are more capable."

Bung Mokhtar said a developing country like Malaysia needed dedicated  
and capable ministers and senior civil servants to bring progress.

"In fact, if there is a Cabinet reshuffle, we can propose some of those  
who are capable to replace them."

Bung Mokhtar's views were supported by Datuk Mohamad Aziz (BN-Seri  
Gading) who said that although many of the Ministers appointed were  
dedicated, there were some "black sheep" who failed to carry out their  
duties.

Citing an example, he said, some heads of departments and government  
servants, due to reasons only known to them, refused to follow orders from  
the Ministers.

"Such irresponsible action will disrupt the implementation of some  
policies. We have to admit that although some perform well, some fail to  
carry out their duties."

Ronald Kiandee (BN-Beluran) urged the Government to consider reviewing  
present election laws to allow for appeal against a court decision.

He said the Election Commission should also clarify allegations by  
certain quarters that there were discrepancies in the electoral roll,  
including the one used in the recent Sarawak State election.

"The issue of phantom voters should be laid to rest once and for all,"  
he said. He said the Commission must take some drastic action to ensure  
voters' confidence before the next general election.

"If the EC feels there are certain laws which need to be amended for the  
sake of a smooth election in 2004, then the Commission should take  
immediate steps to look into this," he said.

He said though the Commission had been very pro-active in recent years,  
especially to clean up the electoral roll, the problem of fake  
identification card holders still existed.

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