

Rafizi sets terms for no-confidence vote

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PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli today set the terms for a no-confidence vote against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

This was after former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad yesterday called for the MPs from BN and opposition to oust Najib in a vote of no-confidence.

However, Mahathir had insisted the replacement government will still be BN.

Rafizi (photo), in a statement today, did not specify whether he was agreeable to a new government still comprising solely BN parties but focussed on the essence of what the new government must do.

The terms are as follow:

- 1) A transitional government is set up with a mandate of two to three years to restore the country's democracy and key institutions.
- 2) Reform to the electoral system and practices to ensure the 14th general election is free, fair and transparent.
- 3) Reforms to the economy (including abolition of the goods and services tax), law, media freedom and other matters agreed by both sides (BN and opposition).

Collectively, DAP, PKR and PAS have 87 MPs and will need 25 more MPs to achieve a simple majority to oust Najib.

Najib is being plagued by scandals including the deposits of RM2.6 billion into his personal bank account.

Put rakyat's interest above all

Rafizi said this is the first time in recent decades where a political crisis is hurting the economy and sapping the rakyat's confidence in the country's leadership.

"I am confident MPs from both the opposition parties and BN understand this sentiment.

"Which is why I still hope that there will be 25 BN MPs, with conscious and love for the rakyat, brave enough to come forward and support a no-confidence vote to change the prime minister.

"I understand they will be met with threats and offers of position and money but I also believe they are also anxious about the current development and still know right from

wrong," said Rafizi, who is also Pandan MP.

Rafizi urged BN MPs to put the rakyat's interest above all else to "save Malaysia".

He also called other MPs who are prepared to support a no-confidence vote against Najib to publicly declare their stance.

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