

## **Lawyer: PM, cabinet must resign for 'committing treason'**

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Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin and his entire cabinet must resign with immediate effect, according to lawyer Mohamed Haniff Khatri Abdulla.

Referring to the statement from Istana Negara this afternoon, he accused the current administration of committing treason against the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

In a Facebook post, Haniff said the current administration also “committed treason against the Federal Constitution and made a fraudulent statement to the Dewan Rakyat.”

In a similar vein, former minister Rafidah Aziz also called for “heads to roll” over the “latest fiasco engulfing the backdoor government”.

She said news on the annulment of the emergency ordinances revealed by de facto law minister Takiyuddin Hassan in Parliament last week was in itself a huge shock.

“And now there is the revelation that the Agong was not told. This is blatant marginalisation of the king and certainly cannot be condoned.

“This government has clearly ignored the democratic processes as enshrined in the nation's constitution. Heads must roll or resign,” she added.

The palace, in its statement, said Takiyuddin and Attorney-General Idrus Harun failed to fulfil their promise to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to have the matter debated in Parliament.

The palace said the Agong was "amat dukacita" (very disappointed) that Parliament was informed on July 26 that the ordinances were revoked.

It added that the Agong was also "very disappointed" with Takiyuddin and Idrus' conduct.

Meanwhile, Persatuan Patriot Kebangsaan (Patriot) said there had been conclusive evidence of an act of treason committed wilfully against the Agong.

"Patriot joins the demands of millions of Malaysians that the leaders in the PN-led government should immediately resign.

"Theirs is an act of treason against our constitutional monarchy and for having had grossly desecrated the Federal Constitution and having acted mala fide (bad faith) in the august House of Parliament.

"Patriot lends its full support for the call for Muhyiddin and his cabinet members to resign immediately and allow a legitimate, responsible government to restore the dignity and sacrosanct Federal Constitution and the constitutional monarchy in leading the nation out of the crises brought upon us," said president Mohd Arshad Raji in a statement today.

When Takiyuddin made the announcement that the cabinet on July 21 had agreed to revoke all six ordinances, opposition lawmakers were up in arms.

The minister later said he would answer all questions pertaining to the matter next Monday, the final day of the special Parliament sitting.

Below is the list of emergency ordinances promulgated this year:

- Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance 2021
- Emergency (Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021
- Emergency (Employees' Minimum Standards of Housing, Accommodations

and Amenities) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021

- Emergency (Essential Powers) (No 2) Ordinance 2021 [Note: Anti-fake news law]
- Emergency (Essential Powers) (Amendment) ordinance 2021 [Note: Power to use consolidated fund or issue supplementary budget without Parliament scrutiny]
- Emergency (Offenders Compulsory Attendance) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021

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