



DPM: RPK's threat indicates waning confidence in PKR
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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said the threat by self-exiled blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin to pull out from backing Pakatan Rakyat showed how the opposition pact's leadership ability, especially that of PKR, was being perceived.

He said it also indicated waning confidence of party members and supporters in PKR's leadership.

"I've also read the reports in the blogs (on Raja Petra's statement)... questioning the party's leadership and criticising it for not practising what it preaches and for failing to deliver the promises made," he said after launching the National Language Month 2010 programme in Ipoh today.

Muhyiddin, who is also BN deputy chairperson, said this was not a new development as a number of PKR founders and top leaders had even quit the party.

He said more and more PKR members at the higher as well as the grassroots level had realised the wrong choice they made and left the party.

"They had lost confidence... we hope the people will learn from this and think carefully," he said.

According to *The Malaysian Insider* news portal, Raja Petra (*right*), also known as RPK, said Pakatan had yet to fulfil its election manifesto despite being in power in several states for more than two-and-a-half years.

He expressed his unhappiness over this at a dialogue session with Malaysians in London last Saturday, with his long-time ally and opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim also present.

RPK also threatened to pull out support for Pakatan in the upcoming Galas state seat by-election for its failure to deliver the promises made during the March 2008 general election.

Gerakan needs to be more aggressive



Asked on the DAP leadership crisis in Perak, Muhyiddin said he left it to the people's wisdom to judge from what was happening.

On Gerakan advisor Dr Lim Keng Yaik's decision to quit the post yesterday out of frustration over current party president Koh Tsu Koon's leadership style and failure to resolve several issues, Muhyiddin said the party leadership needed to be more aggressive in dealing with various arising issues.

"The initiative to resolve the issues should come from Gerakan itself and there is no need for outside interference," he said when asked whether the BN leadership would try to be the go-between to help solve the problems in Gerakan.

"If there is outside interference, some people may think Gerakan is weak. We should respect their (Gerakan leaders) decision."

He said BN also respected Dr Lim's decision as he was a long-time and experienced leader.

On MIC president S Samy Vellu's refusal to accept an advisory post after he steps down in January, Muhyiddin said his decision should also be respected as Samy Vellu might have confidence in the new leadership.

Asked on the reminder by the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, for all quarters not to question the position of the rulers, and Malay special rights and privileges as stipulated in the Federal Constitution, Muhyiddin said all should take note.

He said the reminder by the Johor Sultan and several other sultans before this mirrored the rulers' feelings on the issues.

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