

PM: GOVT COMMITTED TO FULFILLING 10 PLEDGES

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More initiatives will be implemented by PN government to help the people

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THE Perikatan Nasional government is committed to fulfilling 10 pledges to the people, most of which have already begun since it came into power six months ago.

Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the government, which was a result of an unprecedented political crisis, successfully pulled through as a functioning cabinet to safeguard the interests of the public.

“We faced an unprecedented health crisis on a global scale from the get-go, and Covid-19 was a test for us as there was no reference point on the steps needed to be taken to address the pandemic.

“*Alhamdulillah*, with the commitment of the government and frontliners, as well as the discipline shown by the people, we managed to contain the virus, albeit not fully yet. We are among

the countries that have successfully done this,” he said in his keynote address at a PN convention to assess its achievements, hopes and challenges after six months of being in power.

Muhyiddin said factors contributing to this success were the stern actions taken by the authorities, which saw the closure of all sectors — businesses, factories and schools — to the point that public movement was restricted.

The next pledge, he said, was providing economic protection to the people via, among others, the Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus Package and the Penjana economic recovery plan with a RM295 billion allocation from the government, as well as the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030.

“The Bantuan Prihatin Nasional, bank moratorium, special aid for small- and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs), wage subsidies, electricity bill discounts and other initiatives under the economic stimulus packages are proof of the government’s commitment towards the people.

“PN is a government that cares for the people. If needed, *Insyallah*, the government will implement a few more initiatives, including an additional economic stimulus package, to help the people.”

For the third pledge, Muhyid-

din said the government would focus on the Bumiputera Agenda as the national agenda. And, to improve participation among the Bumiputeras, the government had established the Bumiputera Prosperity Council, which he would chair.

“Fourth, the government will stress on the digitalisation of the country through the National Digital Infrastructure Plan under the 12th Malaysia Plan as I’ve announced in Sabah recently.

“This is inevitable, and Covid-19 has only spurred and sped up this plan.”

For the fifth pledge, Muhyiddin said the government would focus on ensuring sufficient food supply through the cabinet committee on food security.

Sixth, he said, was fighting corruption and institutional reforms, which had been his commitment since he was in the previous government.

‘Hadi the 1st MP to support me’

KUALA LUMPUR: Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang was the first member of parliament to sign the statutory declaration (SD) in support of Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin becoming the eighth prime minister.

This was revealed by Muhyiddin in his speech at the Perikatan Nasional Administration’s Half-Year Convention here yesterday.

He said Hadi’s move prompt-

ed other PN-aligned MPs to do the same during their meeting with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri’ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah at Istana Negara in February.

“They were invited by Al-Sultan Abdullah to the palace to sign the SD and I want to inform you that the first signee was Hadi.

“He was the first to put my name on the SD paper.”

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