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PM tells Sabah folk that PN government not a 'coloniser', but one that cares for everyone

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PRIME Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin asked the people to be united behind the Perikatan Nasional government in its struggle to give the country a better future.

"It's not that I'm an extraordinary PM, but I face extraordinary challenges, like dealing with Covid-19 and its impact on our economy.

"So I need to make extraordinary decisions. That's why we took extraordinary actions.

"I'm also aware that the people's wellbeing will be affected if we don't take extraordinary decisions," he said at a meet-the-people gathering in Taman Mawar here yesterday.

He said the government introduced several economic stimulus packages worth almost RM300 billion to help people who were affected by the impact of the coronavirus.

He said Malaysia had been acknowledged as one of the countries that had successfully managed the Covid-19 pandemic.

He reminded the people of Sabah that the PN government was not a "coloniser", but one that cared for everyone.

He said although PN consisted of peninsula-based parties and partners like Barisan Nasional, it had the same objective as its Sabah-based partners like Parti Bersatu Sabah, which is to ensure the future of the people and the coming generations.

"The PN government is concerned about problems the people face. This government always has the interests of the people at heart.

"We want to strengthen security in Sabah so that there is no threat to Sabah's sovereignty... "We (the PN government) will also boost development (in Sabah)."

At another meet-the-people session in Kampung Sim-Sim here, Muhyiddin denied that the government withdrew allocations for repairing 24 bridges in water villages after taking over federal power from Pakatan Harapan.

He dismissed the opposition's allegation and showed a letter from the Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Prime Minister's Department to prove that the allocations would be channelled to the Sandakan Municipal Council.

"I did not ask for the allocations to be withdrawn (after PN took over the government).

"Checks have been made with the ICU and a RM4.2 million allocation has been approved," said Muhyiddin, who is PN chairman.

At a ceremony, Muhyiddin handed over the letter, signed by ICU director-general Datuk Nor Azri Zulfakar, to Sandakan Area Fishermen's Association chairman Mohd Shaiful Bahari Muin.

In Beluran, Muhyiddin said the PN government was a caring administration that made efforts to solve the people's problems.

He said since taking over the government, he had been focusing on improving the people's wellbeing because a government that neglected the people's welfare was an irresponsible one.

"I do not wish to see the people in difficulty, crying and begging for food... That is not what I want as prime minister.

"That is why I will continue to manage (the country's) money, which I have accumulated so much, but not for myself.

"I am not corrupt. Whatever is available will be used to help the people to the best of our ability," he said at a meet-the-people gathering in Tapak Pasar Tamu Beluran here yesterday.

Present were Beluran member

of parliament and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee and PN candidate for Labuk, Samad Jambri.

Muhyiddin reminded the people that the government was sensitive to the people's needs amid the pandemic and had implemented various initiatives like the Economic Stimulus Package, Economic Recovery Plan (Penjana), Bantuan Prihatin Nasional and the RM10 billion Kita Prihatin package.

"What has the Warisan government done and what can it do?"

"During my visit to many places, I was told that the chief minister had promised aid, but the money has not reached the people yet.

"I am not the type to blow my own trumpet as I'm not doing this for myself. I don't touch even one sen, as it is for the people.

"We care for the people. We want to help them. Those at the bottom get more as they are the most affected. The rich do not need to be given anything and can survive. So what we are doing is taking care of our people."

Muhyiddin said the people of the Land Below the Wind would be better taken care of if they elect a state government aligned with the federal government on Saturday.

"If the state is of one heart and one mind with me, logically, the people of Sabah will be better taken care of." **Bernama**



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