

'I STILL HAVE MAJORITY SUPPORT'

Muhyiddin says members of parliament may not show their support for him publicly

RIZALMAN HAMMIM
PAGOH
news@nst.com.my

PRIME Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is confident that he has the majority support of members of parliament to continue heading the government.

He said even though there had been announcements by some

quarters that they had withdrawn their support, there was confusion regarding the matter.

"I am confident that I still have the support despite these announcements. They may say this (not supporting me) publicly but behind the scenes, we don't know because this is a political matter.

"I have had an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah) and we had a discussion on various matters, including whether I have the necessary support.

"To settle this issue, we need to bring it to Parliament and Tunku has agreed to it since it is a complicated and confusing matter."

Muhyiddin said this after pre-

sending food aid to recipients in the Pagoh parliamentary constituency.

Present were his wife Puan Sri Norainee Abd Rahman and Bukit Kepong assemblyman Datuk Dr Sahrudin Jamal.

Muhyiddin said he was not scared or worried, and was prepared to face the consequences.

"I am confident that the issue is not about me. It is true that the vote of confidence is for the prime minister because that is the normal motion in Parliament.

"However, what should be considered is whether the country can face the current problems when there are reshuffles and changes that could lead to a chaotic political situation."

NST- 7/8/2021 Pg. 4

He said he would leave it to the discretion and consideration of the MPs.

"I will leave it to them. It is up to them to think of what is appropriate for them to do."

He said the tabling of a motion of confidence for the prime minister was normal.

"Yes, the confidence motion for the prime minister is normal in Parliament, but what should be considered is the country's current situation and problems.

"Can the country handle more problems should there be a change (of government) or political chaos? I'm not anticipating that, but it may affect the National Recovery Plan and other efforts such as the vaccination programme."