

'Let Muhyiddin defend seat'



Veteran politician: Muhyiddin (in this file photo) has been the Pagoh MP for seven terms.



Party matters: Dr Adham officiating the Tenggara Umno division meeting. - Bernama

Adham: Umno should leave Pagoh to PM in GE15

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JOHOR BARU: Umno should allow Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to defend his Pagoh parliamentary seat in the 15th General Election, says Datuk Seri Dr Adham Baba.

The Tenggara Umno division chief noted that Muhyiddin, who is Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president, has been the Pagoh MP for the past seven terms.

Dr Adham, who is also Health Minister, added that he was confident Umno's leadership would not object to the matter, as it is the best choice, especially considering Muhyiddin's performance in lead-

ing the country.

"If the rakyat felt the current government has given them benefits and is better than the previous government, then Muhyiddin should continue to lead.

"We have to take into consideration his efforts in leading the country and recovering our economy during this trying time as the Prime Minister," he said after officiating the division's meeting at Dewan Sri Kembaran here yesterday.

In Kelantan, Barisan Nasional secretary-general Tan Sri Annuar Musa said it was time for Umno to accept the reality that it could not win enough seats to form the Federal Government in the next general election on its own.

The Federal Territories Minister and Ketereh MP said Umno must let go of its superiority complex while working with Bersatu and PAS in the Perikatan Nasional government.

"It is vital for the party to ensure there is no three-cornered fights in the next general election," he said.

He warned that should Umno be stubborn and decide to go solo without other Perikatan component parties, it could once again face the unexpected big loss it experienced in the last general election.

Annuar farther warned Umno leaders about working with the opposition just for the sake of getting a majority in Dewan Rakyat.

"We must not accept our enemies as our friends just like that as in

their hearts they may be scheming to break us apart.

"We must return to the right path and right principles, and not merely accept a majority whereby we cannot even tell who is friend or foe.

"Just by chasing 'small things', we may lose all in the end," Annuar said during the Ketereh Umno division annual meeting.

All 191 Umno divisions are holding their annual general meeting between Jan 1 and today.

Due to the pandemic and movement control order, some divisions held meetings virtually.

The Umno annual general assembly will be held on Jan 31 at Putra World Trade Centre after having been postponed last year.