

PMO and Palace in a deadlock over Emergency

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The King asserts that the statement made by the minister in the Parliament on July 26 was inaccurate and had confused lawmakers

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THE government and the Palace appear to be at an impasse over the Emergency Ordinances (EOs) revocation.

The Prime Minister's Office

(PMO) yesterday said all of the actions relating to the EOs revocation were conducted properly and in accordance with the Federal Constitution.

The PMO said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah had called the law minister and attorney general (AG) for an audience on July 24 to explain in detail about the advice to rescind the EOs.

It said PM Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had sent a letter to the King on July 23 to present the advice about revoking the EOs and sought

the Royal Highness' consent.

On July 22, the PMO said it received the draft of the EOs revocation prepared by the AG's Chambers.

On July 27, a day after Law Minister Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan told the Dewan Rakyat that the government had decided to revoke all the six EOs during the July 21 Cabinet meeting, the PMO said the PM and AG had an audience with the King to explain the situation and once again presented the advice of the Cabinet to end the Emergency.

"The government is of the view that all the actions taken are in order

and in accordance with the provisions of the law and the Federal Constitution," PMO said in a statement.

The statement was issued after the Palace, in a surprise move that shook the nation, announced that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong did not consent to the revocation of the six EOs, which were done without a debate in Parliament but through a Cabinet meeting on July 21.

A Palace spokesperson said the King is "very disappointed" with the move and asserted that it was unconstitutional.