

'MUHYIDDIN DISRESPECTING RULERS'

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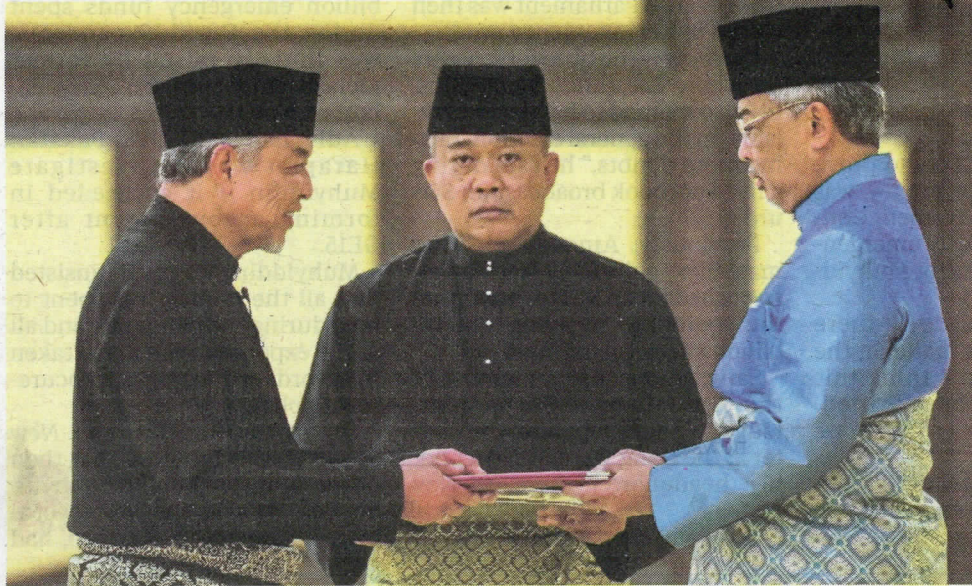
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IN disputing the validity of the unity government, Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has disrespected Malay rulers.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said Muhyiddin and his allies should be ashamed for being so power crazy that they questioned the decision of Malay rulers.

He said Muhyiddin and his allies should be more like DAP in prioritising the country's interests over the interests of parties and individuals, as well as ensure the success of the unity government proposed by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah.

"Muhyiddin must respect the appointments. He and his allies disputing the appointments show their true colours. They do not respect the institution of Malay rulers," he said in a post on



Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi accepting the instrument of appointment from Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah at Istana Negara on Saturday.

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Facebook yesterday.

"Muhyiddin and his allies need to learn to be a credible opposition instead of whining and complaining because they cannot accept the fact that he failed to become prime minister and they failed to form the government.

"Learn to respect the process and decisions of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Conference of Rulers."

Zahid, who is Barisan Nasional chairman, said the government is not a Pakatan Harapan (PH) government, but a unity government

formed through a cooperation between the coalition that won the most seats in the general election and other parties, with the aim of nation-building and governing the country better than the previous governments.

"Muhyiddin forgets that the power to appoint the prime minister lies with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, provided for under Article 40(2)(a) and Article 43 (2)(a) of the Federal Constitution."

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim presented

the cabinet line-up to the king for His Majesty's approval before announcing its members.

He said the king approved the cabinet appointments after a discussion with Malay rulers at Istana Negara.

"Muhyiddin keeps complaining after he failed to become prime minister.

"Less than 24 hours after the cabinet is sworn in, he claimed the government and cabinet were formed in betrayal of the people's mandate and had no standing to function as the country's highest

executive body."

On Anwar, Zahid said Muhyiddin's criticism about the prime minister holding the finance minister post did not take into account the needs of the country, which requires someone like Anwar, who has a good record in managing the country's finances and economy.

"Anwar has been recognised as the world's best finance minister by *Euromoney* magazine and Asia's best finance minister by *Asiamoney* magazine.

"Anwar was dubbed Asian of the Year and Malaysia was called the Asian Tiger among Asian countries when Anwar was a finance minister (in the 1990s).

"Foreign investors will feel more confident investing if Anwar is finance minister."

He said Muhyiddin had never achieved this and his management of the country was problematic, calling his administration a failed government.

"Muhyiddin is now facing all sorts of scandals related to his management of the country as prime minister.

"That's why he is so scared and desperate to become prime minister that he is willing to go against custom and forego manners to criticise the Istana Negara since the beginning of the process to name a prime minister."