

'SUPPORT LEADERSHIP OF ISMAIL SABRI'

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PM resolved challenges not faced by those before him, says Annuar Musa

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UMNO members should support the leadership of Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob as prime minister, who resolved challenging issues not faced by any other prime minister.

Communications and Multimedia Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa said party members who belittled the prime minister did not show good party spirit.

"Are we not ashamed that our party members are trying to weaken the prime minister, who is from our party, which has only 38 seats?" he asked at a press conference.

Annuar said Ismail Sabri's leadership should be supported as he had to manage various issues,

such as the Covid-19 pandemic and rising oil prices, and he ensured the government and opposition worked together through the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

"These issues have put Ismail Sabri in situations that have never been experienced by any other prime minister.

"So it is not appropriate to run down the prime minister from your own party, the prime minister who is endorsed by Umno and represents Umno."

He was commenting on the statements by Johor Umno Liaison Committee deputy chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, who reportedly said Ismail Sabri was the weakest prime minister from Umno in the country's history as he allegedly could not make de-

isions or stamp his power.

Annuar said even though everyone was free to issue their personal views, Nur Jazlan was seen as having a handicap in making the evaluation.

"He (Nur Jazlan) is not in the government, so there are many things that he is not aware of. As he is not close to the prime minister, there is much more he does not know. And if he has a motive, he is therefore influenced by his own political inclination.

"How is the prime minister going to represent his party, which has only 38 seats, and battle Covid-19 and the economic challenges?"

"We should help him and be sympathetic to him, instead of making baseless allegations."

Annuar also questioned the actions of some Umno members who attempted to weaken the leader from their own party, when others are supporting the prime minister's leadership.

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