

Focus on your court case, PM tells Muhyiddin

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has advised Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to focus on his court case instead of harping on him to step down from the country's top post.

Anwar pointed out that the unity government under his leadership is still holding a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

"We retained our victory, we still have a two-thirds majority in Parliament. What calculation is he making? I advise him to focus on his court case."

He was speaking after a ground-breaking ceremony for Residensi Wilayah, Residensi Prihatin Madani and the Madani Hawkers Centre at Desa Tasik Sungai Besi yesterday.

Earlier, Muhyiddin had urged Anwar and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi

> Advice offered after PN chairman said Anwar and Zahid should resign following completion of state elections

to step down following the results of the recently concluded six state elections.

Muhyiddin claimed that PN's victory in Malay-majority and mixed-majority areas is a sign of the rejection by Malays of the federal alliance led by Anwar and Ahmad Zahid.

The Aug 12 polls maintained the status quo in the states, with the Pakatan Harapan-Barisan Nasional alliance retaining power in Selangor, Penang and Negeri Sembilan, and PN maintaining its hold on Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu.

Anwar said he disagreed with the post-state election assumption that the Malays and young voters were easily swayed by racial and religious instigation.

He said he is aware that the people need time to understand the Madani policy introduced by the government, and that the government machinery and leadership have to work harder to explain and interpret the concept to the grassroots, Bernama reported.

"It takes time. I don't agree with everyone blaming the Malays, accusing them of being easily influenced by racial and religious

instigation," he said when asked about the alleged ineffective strategy of the Madani government in attracting Malay voters.

Anwar said he had also mentioned in the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday the importance of using wisdom and prudence in providing greater assistance to the people based on the Madani concept

On cooperation between the federal government and the three states won by the Opposition in the state polls, Anwar said it depends on them.

"If they want to work together (with the federal government), there are ways to do it, not just through statements, but also through their actions.

"I want to ensure that the spirit of good governance is correctly upheld, that funds meant for the poor go to the poor and are not diverted elsewhere."