

COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF 18 PARTIES

PM: UNITY GOVT COOPERATION IS SOLD

Anwar says no clashes in government thanks to a strong and committed cabinet

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AFTER a year in power, the unity government has grown from strength to strength and

is no longer susceptible to *tebuk atap*, or backdoor attempts, to overthrow the administration.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said there had been no conflicts within the administration despite it being made up of 18 political parties and different ideologies.

Referring to the *tebuk atap* phrase, or attempting to enter a house through the roof, he quipped that the government's roof is now made of concrete.

"Right now, be it Pakatan Harapan (PH), Barisan Nasional (BN), Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) or Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS), the cooperation is solid.

"In the cabinet, there has yet to be any clashes among parties. Differing personal opinions are there, but not based on parties.

This experiment appears to be working. Any *tebuk atap* — some said it would happen between July and October — I think we are strong enough.

"I'll be honest, there are no clashes of opinions among the parties (in the unity government) which means that the opposition's desperate attempts will fail.

"*InsyAllah*, we are strong now because we are focused not on political party conflicts, but on how to raise the dignity of the country," he said at the closing of the Madani Government One-Year Anniversary Programme yesterday.

Present were Deputy Prime Ministers Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

More than 230,000 visitors thronged the three-day event at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium.

Previously, several Perikatan Nasional members of parliament had claimed that efforts were underway to draw support from BN MPs to form a new government.

The unity government has 149 MPs, as well as support from five PN MPs from Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia.

Anwar said the unity government's success was a collective effort, thanks to a strong cabinet and commitment from the leadership.

He said the view that he was "steering the ship alone" was just a perception, and that many min-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim cutting 'pulut kuning' during the Madani Government One Year Anniversary Programme at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium yesterday. BERNAMA PIC

isterial achievements were made without his direct involvement.

"We wouldn't achieve success without strong teams and solid commitment from the leaders."

Anwar also held a dialogue session with members of the public.

On whether the Madani concept was exclusive to a specific group, Anwar reiterated that the Madani government is inclusive and extends beyond the confines of Malay Muslims.

He clarified that while the concepts are rooted in the Quran and Hadith, they do not suggest exclusive benefits for Muslims, neglecting other believers in the nation.

"Upon delving into the messages conveyed in the Quran, it mentions various ethnicities, regions and languages, promoting respect, understanding, and love among diverse communities.

"This inclusivity does not conflict with the Chinese or Indian communities. Let's refrain from getting entangled in 'pro' or 'anti' sentiments and instead remain open to learning from all experiences.

"Madani is embraced because Muslims constitute the majority in Malaysia, and Islam is the official religion but its principles are universal.

"What we convey is the message of Islam, its beliefs, and ethics, yet the message of justice and humanity is intended for everyone," he said.

Anwar also stressed that non-Malays in the nation should understand the underlying message of Madani instead of speculating.

"The crucial message of Madani is to avoid harbouring negative assumptions and not aligning with a Western approach that is anti-Chinese, anti-Indian, or against any other community.

"We should not be influenced by such sentiments, as we must unite around all that is good, regardless of religious differences."

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and a child holding a book on the Madani government's achievements at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium yesterday. With them are (from left) Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali.