

PM TICKS OFF HADI OVER OUTDATED NARRATIVES

‘What is important is policies for the people, not which party has majority’

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday chided Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang for discrediting

the federal government because it was not led by a Muslim-majority political coalition.

Anwar told the Pas president to stop resorting to “kolot” (outdated) and “jumud” (backwards) narratives when criticising the unity government.

“It is wrong for him to come to such a conclusion. What is important is the policies for the people and not which party commands the majority (in the unity government),” Anwar said after the launch of the “Orientalist Paintings: Mirror or Mirage?” exhibition at the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia here.

Present were Communications and Digital Minister Fahmi Fadzil, Albukhary Foundation chairman Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Albukhary, museum director Syed Mohamed Albukhary and the prime minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

Hadi was reported as saying



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim looking at paintings after launching the ‘Orientalist Paintings: Mirror or Mirage?’ exhibition at the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

that Pakatan Harapan was unfit to lead the government and country because non-Muslim parties dominated the coalition.

The Marang member of parliament also said the unity government was weak as it was not led by a Malay-Muslim party.

Anwar later challenged Hadi to list down policies implemented by the federal government under his leadership that neglected Islam and Malays.

“Which of the policies (shows the unity government) neglects Islam? Which of the policies

(shows the federal government) betrays the Malays?”

“Have we ever stolen their lands, shares or projects (supposedly given to the Malays).

“Such questions are important before evaluating us. Stop resorting to ‘kolot’ and ‘jumud’ narratives.”

Anwar said Hadi should remember that Malaysia’s population encompasses Malays and other ethnicities.

“Our country is made of people from various races. As we continue to uphold the sanctity of

Islam, we must also look into and protect the rights of people of other faiths. This is our guarantee to ensure peace in our country.

“And I do not want people to be misled by sentiments (spread by irresponsible quarters) trying to divide the people.”

Anwar said many past leaders were afraid of his administration’s all-out war against corruption.

“They ask me why am I digging into past cases. I just want to make sure what belongs to the rakyat is returned to them.”