

ANWAR UNFAZED BY GOVT OUSTER TALK

Prime minister confident that unity govt will serve a full term

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is unfazed by suggestions that opposition leader Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainuddin has gathered enough support to topple the current administration.

Anwar expressed confidence that the unity government under his leadership was stable and would remain intact until the next general election.

“Inshaallah (God willing), this government will serve a full term until the next general election. And I am confident about this,” he told reporters yesterday.

Anwar was asked to comment on reports suggesting that Hamzah, who is also Perikatan Nasional (PN) secretary-general, had obtained enough statutory declarations to become the next prime minister.

“Let us wait. When the time comes, let them bring the matter to Parliament.

“They have been *mengigau* (fantasising about coming to power) on numerous occasions for weeks before and after Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Chinese New Year

and Thaipusam,” he said.

Earlier this month, Anwar did not deny the existence of a conspiracy to topple the unity government. He, however, said the plot did not have any strong basis and described those behind it as “daydreamers”.

On Wednesday, several Pas leaders including party president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang were seen signing the “Malay Proclamation” — a brainchild of former prime minister Tun

Dr Mahathir Mohamad, which claimed to unite and save the Malay community.

The matter was confirmed in a posting by the “Proklamasi



Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainuddin

Orang Melayu” Facebook page.

According to the social media posting, other Pas leaders who attended the meeting in the presence of Dr Mahathir were the party vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar, secretary-general Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan and Pas Bachok member of parliament Mohd Syahir Che Sulaiman.

Political observers and analysts were quick to translate the signing of the proclamation as an effort to gather support with the aim of toppling Anwar and his unity government.

Earlier, Anwar announced a RM3 million allocation for the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS).

He said the allocation would allow the organisation to carry out voluntary and welfare work within the country and abroad, besides improving and main-

taining its headquarters in every state.

Of the total allocation, he said, RM1 million was from the National Disaster Management Agency and another RM1 million from the Welfare, Family and Community Development Ministry.

“And to strengthen maintenance and management of the MRCS headquarters in every state so that its operations are at an optimum level, I agreed to add RM1 million to this allocation,” said Anwar when delivering his keynote address during the launching of the MRCS’s 75th anniversary celebration themed “75 Years — A Humanitarian Story, 1948-2023”.

Present was Tunku Temenggong of Kedah Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Sultan Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah, who is MRCS national chairman.