

'NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE MUST BE PRIORITISED'

JELI MP DECLARES SUPPORT FOR ANWAR

Move comes less than 24 hours after Gua Musang MP states his support for Madani govt

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A FOURTH Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia federal lawmaker has declared support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's administration.

Less than 24 hours after Gua Musang member of parliament Mohd Azizi Abu Naim announced his support for the Madani government, Jeli MP Zahari Kechik followed suit, saying it was for his constituents' well-being.

This came hours after the Kelantan Bersatu leadership had claimed that Azizi was approached with a multi-million-ringggit offer to declare his support for Anwar.

"After considering the current issues faced by the people regarding the cost of living, the pressing need for essential improvements and the ongoing development in the parliamentary constituency of Jeli, I, as the Jeli MP, declare my

support the leadership of Datuk Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim as the 10th prime minister of Malaysia, effective from the date of this statement," Zahari said in a statement.

"The needs of the people must be prioritised, and development must continue without compromise. In this challenging era, as an MP, I must provide the best service to my constituents."

In Kota Baru earlier, Kelantan Bersatu chief Datuk Kamaruddin Md Nor said he was shocked by Azizi's decision as the latter had attended a state party meeting on Saturday.

During the meeting, he told me a 'political broker' had offered him RM4 million and other benefits to make a statement declaring his support for PMX (Anwar).

"He said he rejected the offer, and I congratulated him."

Azizi is the third opposition MP to declare his support for Anwar and the unity government, joining fellow Bersatu MPs Datuk Suhaili Abdul Rahman (Labuan) and Datuk Iskandar Dzulkarnain Abdul Khalid (Kuala Kangsar).

In a statement on his Facebook page on Tuesday, Azizi said his move to support Anwar was done for the sake of his constituents.

"After carefully going over and listening to the 2024 Budget pre-

sentation by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim... I, as the Gua Musang MP, hereby declare my full support for the leadership of the prime minister from the date of issue of this media statement."

Pas deputy president Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said he believed Azizi would remain a Perikatan Nasional MP.

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"Pas is surprised by Azizi's announcement because he was one of Bersatu's candidates who contested on our party's ticket in the 15th General Election. Pas had even prepared a lawyer to defend him when Barisan Nasional made a petition to challenge the election result and we

put all our energy into ensuring his victory in the last state election.

"Bersatu has high confidence in him, and I understand that he always attended the party's meetings and told them that he would continue supporting PN.

"The decision does not mean Aziz will leave the party, and I believe he will remain with PN."

The Kubang Kerian MP said Pas would leave it to Bersatu to handle the issue.

Efforts to interview Azizi have proven futile as he had switched off his handphone.



Zahari Kechik