

'TRUST DEFICIT IN PARTY LEADERSHIP'

'SWITCH OF MPS SUPPORT NOT AKIN TO SHERATON MOVE'

4 Bersatu MPs declare support for unity govt after seeing what is happening in opposition camp, says PM

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DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim said that the four Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) members of parliament who declared support for the unity government did so because they had lost trust in their own party leadership.

He said the MPs who switched their support to his administration did so differently than the architects of the Sheraton Move, which led to the downfall of the Pakatan Harapan government.

"In the Sheraton Move, the architects admitted openly that under the scheme of things, those who cross over to their side would be rewarded (with positions and other sweeteners).

"However, in the case of the four MPs, it happened after they saw for themselves what is happening (in the opposition camp)."

Anwar said he had refrained from commenting on the issue but was doing so now as the question had been posed to him and accusations were being levelled against the government.

A student raised the issue during a question-and-answer ses-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, having a light moment with the Malaysian diaspora and students at a Meet the Prime Minister event in San Francisco, the United States, on Saturday. BERNAMA PIC

sion at a Meet the Prime Minister event organised for the Malaysian diaspora here on the sidelines of the 2023 Apec Summit.

The prime minister said opposition leaders had repeatedly told their supporters that they had the numbers to topple the unity government and had been misleading everyone for the longest time.

He said now their own MPs were beginning to realise that it was all nothing but hot air.

"The MPs keep hearing

their leaders say they have the numbers to topple us, that they have the support of Sarawak, Umno and even the royalty.

"However, nothing happened and the MPs now realise it and they need to start concentrating on delivering people-centric projects in their constituencies."

Anwar, who is finance minister, added that after the MPs switched their support allegations of bribery had then surfaced.

He said the Malaysian Anti-

Corruption Commission (MACC) was free to investigate as the government had nothing to hide.

It was reported that MACC would summon the four MPs as part of its probe into the allegations of bribery.

The four Bersatu MPs who have stated their support for Anwar are Datuk Dr Suhaili Abdul Rahman (Labuan), Datuk Iskandar Dzulkarnain Abdul Khalid (Kuala Kangsar), Mohd Azizi Abu Naim (Gua Musang) and Zahari Kechik (Jeli).