

TMJ: ANWAR MUST DO MORE

Tunku Ismail voices doubts on cabinet's performance on 'Keluar Sekejap' podcast, says PM must make bold decisions

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TUNKU Mahkota of Johor (TMJ) Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim believes the unity government led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim must do more for the betterment of the people.

Speaking on the 'Keluar Sekejap' podcast, he cast doubt on the cabinet's performance as it enters its first year of governance.

"I do not think he has a good team (cabinet). He has the intention to do good for the country, but he has to do more, execute more. He must be brave to make decisions.

"At times he has to bite the bullet, but he seems to be playing it too safe," he said when asked about the performance of the current federal government by for-

mer Umno representatives Khairy Jamaluddin and Shahril Hamdan during the podcast session.

Earlier, when Tunku Ismail spoke about the need to educate the people by improving the education system, he expressed a desire for more qualified individuals to serve the nation and its industries.

He said qualified people should be the ones running the country, and it should not be based on seniority but on merit.

"That is why I hope you two (Khairy and Shahril) will come back to Umno."

Earlier this year, Anwar announced "Madani Economy: Empowering the People" programme which includes key initiatives to put Malaysia in a better global position economically.

Among the targets he announced were his plans and steps



Tunku Mahkota of Johor Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim speaking during the 'Keluar Sekejap' podcast. SCREENGRAB TAKEN FROM YOUTUBE

to rebuild and position Malaysia among the world's 30 largest economies in less than 10 years.

Anwar, who is also the finance minister, said the framework also outlined six other benchmarks to be achieved by the country in less than 10 years.

Other benchmarks include placing the country in the top 12 of the Global Competitiveness In-

dex, increasing participation among women in the country's workforce to 60 per cent, placing the country in the top 25 nations in the world in the Corruption Perception Index, boosting the nation's fiscal strength with fiscal deficit of three per cent or lower and positioning Malaysia in the top 25 of the Human Development Index.