

# NO RIFT IN UNITY GOVT, SAYS ANWAR

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Good luck and goodbye to desperados trying to divide govt, says PM

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**D**ATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday said the unity government is solid and unshaken, with each component party strengthening the alliance.

The prime minister said there was no rift among the component

parties despite discontent from those outside the cabinet.

"The voices outside (the cabinet) do not represent the leadership. I have to admit that there are a few things that are unfolding outside the cabinet, but there is no sign of even a small rift between PH (Pakatan Harapan), Umno-BN (Barisan Nasional), or the parties representing Sabah and Sarawak, which are aligned with the unity government.

"There are only hordes of 'desperados' trying to fight each other, and I tell them, 'good luck and goodbye'. It (efforts to divide the unity government) will never work. For me, the government is stable and strong," he said in his speech at PKR's 25th anniversary celebrations here.

Anwar, who is PH chairman and PKR president, delivered the

speech amid speculation all was not well in the unity government following the back and forth over existence of an addendum order from the former Yang di-Pertuan Agong allowing Datuk Seri Najib Razak to serve the remainder of his sentence under house arrest.

Anwar also hit out at critics accusing the unity government of not implementing any changes or reforms.

He said the government was committed to reforms and changes but would implement them according to its capability.

He said the unity government would never compromise on ensuring the judiciary and law enforcement bodies carried out their duties without political interference.

"Now, our judiciary is independent. In fact, there has not been a

single (court) case where I called the chief justice (Tun Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat) or had discussions to resolve it.

"Wisdom (is needed) to maintain (safeguards to the federal administration), not to overthrow the government.

"We will make changes but the progress and speed depend on our capability," he said.

He said there were also accusations that the unity government remained silent while the people suffered,

He said the only people who suffered were high-ranking individuals who misappropriated the people's money.

He said these people should stop abusing their power while looting the country's wealth.

He said unity government leaders had also agreed to uphold

good governance to eradicate corruption in the country.

"(Deputy Prime Minister) Datuk (Seri Dr Ahmad) Zahid (Hamidi); Abang Jo (Sarawak Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Qpeng) or Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor... all of them understand and agree that if any of us violates principles of governance and get involved in corruption, they will be expelled and face legal action," he said.

The special convention was attended by more than 5,000 delegates, including online representatives from Sabah and Sarawak, to mark the silver jubilee of PKR, which was formed on April 4, 1999.

After the special convention, a celebration will be held at Sentul Depot in Kuala Lumpur on May 11.