

Relationship of parties in unity govt stable: Anwar

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SHAH ALAM: The relationship among parties in the unity government is very strong and stable with each component contributing to its strength, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar, who is also the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) president, said all the Cabinet members had no problem understanding and discussing issues, but admitted that there were matters that had to be negotiated outside the Cabinet.

"The voices outside (the Cabinet) do not necessarily represent the voices of the leadership, I have to admit that there are a few things that are unraveling outside the Cabinet, but so far there is no sign of even a small rift among PH (Pakatan Harapan), Umno-BN (Barisan Nasional), Sabah and Sarawak.

"There are only hordes of 'desperados' trying to fight each other, and I tell them good luck and goodbye, it will not work.

"For me, the current government is still stable and strong," he said in his speech at the 25th PKR Convention at the Ideal Convention Centre here yesterday.

Anwar said this in response to attacks and criticism from some

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quarters regarding a number of issues, including Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's affidavit in support of former prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's application to obtain permission for a judicial review challenging the existence of the Addendum Order or supplementary order of the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

He said during the time the unity government has been in power, it did not compromise on the independence of the country's judiciary and the strength of the enforcement agencies to act decisively without political interference.

"Right now, our judiciary is known as an independent body. There has not been a single (court) case where I have called the chief justice (Tun Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat) or consulted (intervened) to

resolve it.

"Our wisdom (is needed) to maintain and not to topple the existing government. We will make changes but at a pace according to ability and wisdom, not because we want to continue an agenda that is favoured (by some parties) to the point of toppling this government."

Anwar also reminded all party members at state, division and branch levels to strengthen the party machinery by closely monitoring the implementation of programmes, including the *Kerangka Kerja Keadilan Menang Siri PRU16 (Kemas16)* and *Pemeriksaan Organisasi Parti 25 tahun (POP25)* initiatives, which were launched yesterday.

Kemas16 is a framework for PKR's preparation for the 16th general election (GE16) by strengthening grassroots organisations through structured

and periodic programmes, following a social enterprise template as part of its strategic work towards GE16

POP25, on the other hand, is a structured work framework that aims to increase PKR's membership, establish more party branches, create a trained communication machinery and implement leadership training at the state level.

He said the party machinery must ensure an increase in membership, and the state Leadership Councils must be more active and robust than before, Bernama reported.

"You know that no matter how loud our slogans are, or how just our cause is, if it's not well organised with a solid machinery, we will lose to those who shout *hidup Melayu* (Long Live the Malays) or *laksanakan Islam* (Implement Islam) even though we know their record is dismal.

"So we need to focus on programmes, execute them properly, and aggressively explain our stance and position while earnestly strengthening our machinery so that PKR emerges as a giant in our country's political system."