

# '10 MORE BERSATU MPs TO SUPPORT ANWAR'

Bukit Gantang MP claims they feel neglected and unappreciated by party

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**B**UKIT Gantang member of parliament (MP) Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz has alleged that 10 more Bersatu MPs are expected to lend their support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as they feel neglected by their party.

The MPs are expected to declare their support ahead of the parliamentary session that starts on Feb 26, he said.

Syed Abu Hussin said five were from the northern region (Kedah, Penang and Perak), three from the East Coast (Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang) and two from the central region (Selangor and Melaka).

Besides feeling unappreciated and neglected, they believe that the Perikatan Nasional leadership was unwilling to engage with Anwar's unity government for assistance.

"Until today, Bersatu lacks

clear direction, rarely involving its MPs in discussions on how to maintain the welfare of their constituencies.

"Financial issues loom large, and if the party doesn't pay attention, who else will?"

"Our promises to protect the people in our areas have yielded nothing after more than a year."

So far, six Bersatu MPs have declared their support for Anwar: Syed Abu Hussin, Zahari Kechik (Jeli), Mohd Azizi Abu Naim (Gua Musang), Datuk Iskandar Dzulkarnain Abdul Khalid (Kuala Kangsar), Datuk Suhaili Abdul Rahman (Labuan), and the latest addition, Datuk Dr Zulkafperi Hanafi (Tanjong Karang).

Syed Abu Hussin also invited five other Bersatu MPs to support Anwar.

He said he believed they possessed extensive experience and could strategise for the next general election.

These five MPs are opposition chief Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin (Larut), Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee (Beluran), Datuk

Seri Ikmal Hisham Abdul Aziz (Tanah Merah), Datuk Mas Ermeyati Samsudin (Masjid Tanah), and Datuk Rosol Wahid (Hulu Terengganu).

Syed Abu Hussin claimed that Bersatu MPs were currently relying on financial allocations from the Pas-administered state governments.

He said Pas had its own stance and would make different decisions in each election.

According to him, in the next 16th General Election, Pas would form alliances with other parties.

Regarding Bersatu leaders' allegations that MPs who "defect" to support Anwar easily succumb to allocation offers, Syed Abu Hussin described them as courageous instead.

"It's difficult to make this decision because they will be accused and humiliated, but they are brave.

"As MPs, we are only present in Parliament, but when we return to our constituencies, we cannot help.

"When we enter Parliament, there are disputes, and people tell us to negotiate (to secure allocations), but we refuse.

"What is actually happening?"