

Zaid tells Muhyiddin to 'get real' about winning non-Malay support

KUALA LUMPUR: Former law minister Datuk Zaid Ibrahim said Perikatan Nasional (PN) chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin needs to “get real” about his coalition’s aim of garnering non-Malay support.

In a post on X yesterday, Zaid said Malay political parties often set themselves impossible tasks, and then ask why they failed.

“It’s time to get real. He (Muhyiddin) asked the question: How do we get more support from non-Malays?”

“It’s pretty simple. Follow the example of (prime minister)

Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. Could you not say ‘I am a Malay first’? Tell Malaysians you are the ‘Daddy’ for all races,” he wrote.

Zaid told Muhyiddin to tell its partner, Gerakan, to sound more like DAP and speak about reforms, the rule of law and meritocracy.

He added that Gerakan should “say all these things until you achieve power”.

“It’s okay if you do not do these things after your election. Tell them reforms will come during your second term. Malaysians forget easily.

“Tell Pas leaders who your comrades are: non-Muslims.

“Pas, therefore, need to be sensitive to worldly matters, as non-Malays are concerned with economy, education and business,” said Zaid.

He said Pas would never be able to develop a strong economy for Malays if it only continued with “its mission to ensure that Muslims went to heaven”, nor would it help Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) become the federal government.

Pas leaders, he added, should also work with the prime minister

to develop the states that they administer while Bersatu leaders should close ranks with Umno and try to regroup.

“Muhyiddin should forget about being the prime minister again.

“After all, there is no reason for Bersatu to continue fighting Umno.

“You are all made from the same stuff, and your differences are purely tactical.

“Find ways to share power, as you have always done.”

At the PN members of parliaments and assemblymen con-



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vention yesterday, Muhyiddin said PN must find ways to win the support of non-Malay voters.

He said the party needed to take a new approach, which might increase PN’s votes by five to 10 per cent.