

PERSONAL DECISION

'Govt strong despite Rafizi, Nik Nazmi quitting'

KUALA LUMPUR: The government respects the decision of Datuk Seri Rafizi Ramli and Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad to resign from the cabinet, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar said their resignation was a personal decision in accordance with their principles.

"We remain confident that both will continue to serve actively as members of parliament (MPs) for the well-being of the people and the progress of the nation," he said in a parliamentary written reply.

He added that the government remained strong.

"Close cooperation and mutual respect among these parties form the foundation for the continuity of national governance and the

reform agenda," he said.

Anwar (PH-Tambun) was replying to Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim (PN-Arau), who had asked how the government would ensure cabinet stability following the resignations of Rafizi and Nik Nazmi.

Rafizi stepped down as economy minister on June 17 after losing his PKR deputy presidency during party polls on May 23.

He was defeated by former Permatang Pauh MP Nurul Izzah Anwar.

Nik Nazmi resigned as natural resources and environmental sustainability minister after losing his PKR vice-president's post in the party polls. His resignation took effect on July 4.



Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad quit as natural resources and environmental sustainability minister after he failed to defend a PKR vice-president's post. NSTP FILE PIC