

PM: GOVT RESPECTS VOTERS' MESSAGE

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THE Madani government respects the strong and clear message sent by voters in the Sabah General Election, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said voters were calling for change after years of injustice and neglect by almost all parties from Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.

Anwar extended his congratulations to Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor on his renewed



mandate to form the state government.

"*Alhamdulillah*, over the past three years, we have worked to address longstanding issues, including claims and rights affecting Sabah's interests.

"In this short period, several advances have been achieved regarding the Malaysia Agreement 1963," he said in a Facebook post.

He said the government would

continue on this path of reform, aiming to build a Sabah that is fair, equitable, prosperous and no longer marginalised.

"The voice of the people of Sabah is a trust that must be upheld with responsibility."

Hajiji, the Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) chairman, took his oath of office before Yang di-Per-tua Negeri Tun Musa Aman at Istana Seri Kinabalu.

Meanwhile, PKR election co-directors Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail and Nurul Izzah Anwar said the party "humbly accepts" the decision of the people in the Sabah election, taking its single-seat victory in Melalap as a signal and reminder from the electorate.

They said the 73-seat Sabah Legislative Assembly was a challenging arena, and PKR was given the chance to contest 12 seats, up from eight in the 2020 polls.

They also said the voice of the

people should be received with an "open heart".

"It is a reminder and lesson that always carries wisdom for those who fight sincerely," they said.

Nurul Izzah and Saifuddin said PKR's opportunity to contest 12 seats showed the seeds of confidence in the party were beginning to take root in Sabah.

"Support from our machinery and members has also strengthened.

"It may not be a numerical victory, but it is a victory of determination and spirit throughout this campaign," they said.

Volunteers showed their dedication by working from dawn and risking injury to support the campaign, they added.

They said the results signal public concerns about governance and leadership, showing that political disunity could weaken power and trust.

"These results also reflect pub-

lic sentiment on governance, transparency and local leadership.

"The clear message is that disunity not only weakens political strength, but also erodes public confidence in our ability to provide stable and responsible leadership."

Nurul Izzah said, as PKR deputy president, she took full responsibility for the outcome.

"Together with Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution, serving as co-election director, we are aware that the long journey of struggle does not lie in victory alone.

"It lies in the readiness to acknowledge weaknesses, correct them and rise stronger."

The two, however, said the "journey" was not over.

"As long as there are people still underserved, as long as justice remains unfulfilled, PKR will continue to stand, work, and fight. God willing," they said.