

'Unity fuels govt strength'

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PM highlights dedication to people's well-being during retreat

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PORT DICKSON: The government is strong because it adheres to the principles and spirit of unity among its coalition partners, as well as their shared commitment to developing the country, says Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Prime Minister acknowledged that while each party within the government may hold different beliefs and stances, their unity and cooperation remain exemplary.

"Although we are a coalition of parties, the spirit to develop the country makes the cooperation and spirit extraordinary.

"I want to thank Deputy Prime Ministers (Datuk Seri Dr) Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (of Barisan Nasional), (Datuk Seri) Fadillah Yusof (Gabungan Parti Sarawak) and all other colleagues for their unwavering unity spirit," he said.

The Prime Minister said this at the Kenduri Rakyat programme held in conjunction with the government administration and parliamentarians' retreat at Dataran Kampung Pachitan yesterday.

He said the retreat, attended by 143 MPs, is a testament to the government's commitment to ensure the well-being of the people and that their problems were heard and resolved.

The government, he said, also remained steadfast in ensuring the country continues to prosper.

"This is a special occasion as we have the PM, both deputy prime ministers and several Cabinet ministers in a village where we



For the people: Anwar being greeted warmly by attendees of the 'kenduri rakyat' during the government administration and parliamentarians' retreat at Dataran Kampung Pachitan in Port Dickson. — Bernama

discussed issues faced by the people and how best we can resolve them.

"From the macro economy perspective, our economic growth is good with low inflation and unemployment.

"However, I am fully aware there are people who still face hardship. Let me assure you the government is here to hear you out," he said.

The lawmakers took part in the three-day retreat where they personally interacted with the people during several activities.

The programme aims to foster closer ties between the elected

representatives and the people in a more relaxed environment.

It also seeks to allow them to engage directly with the people and offer them a platform to voice their needs and concerns.

Anwar gave his assurance that his administration would always hear out the grassroots before making any decision.

When met at the event, Fadillah said this was the first time that members of the government's administration and MPs from across the country have come together for a *kenduri rakyat* (people's feast).

Home Minister Datuk Seri

Saifuddin Nasution Ismail described the programme as a meaningful experience that allowed him to connect with residents, gain insights into their daily activities and explore the area's economic potential.

The Backbenchers Club said the programme was a manifestation of principles that celebrate the values of compassion, mutual respect and unity within society.

"This is an example of the value of *ihsan* (compassion) and social responsibility, which are the pillars of the Malaysia Madani philosophy," it said in a statement.