

Johor Crown prince posts cryptic message on Facebook

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JOHOR BARU, Less than 12-hours after the announcement of the new Cabinet line-up, Tunku Mahkota of Johor Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim posted words of encouragement for the benefit of all Johoreans.

This time round, his message had a unique style, in contrast to his usual outspoken approach that was found on the Johor Southern Tigers Facebook page.

A poster depicting Tunku Ismail and his loyalty to the state with the Johor state flag accompanied the post.

“This is the flag I serve. This is the flag I will fight for, and this is the flag I will die for.

“It has been a privilege and honour serving you, my fellow Johoreans.

“You are not alone. Allah save the Sultan. Long live Johor,” read the message that was posted early today and was signed-off by the 31-year-old Crown Prince.

The post was created at about 1am and posted on the popular Johor Southern Tigers Facebook page today.

It had since seen more than 8,500 likes and garnered around 180 comments in the past seven hours since it was posted.

The posting was believed to be an apparent show of support for Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, the country’s former Deputy Prime Minister.

Tunku Ismail did not name any names on his latest posting. However, those that posted their comments believed that it was linked to the sweeping Cabinet reshuffle and Muhyiddin’s abrupt fate.

The post also featured Roman numerals of II, IV, IV, III, IV (2, 4, 4, 3, 4) which was believed to be a cryptic message.

Yesterday’s Cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak in Putrajaya saw the Johor-born Muhyiddin being dropped and replaced in his portfolios as the Deputy Prime Minister and also Education Minister.

Following that, Johoreans from all walks of life expressed their displeasure on the fate of Muhyiddin, who they saw as a capable Johorean leader and had once served as the state’s Menteri Besar.

Many of them took to social media platforms such as Facebook to voice their unhappiness with the decision and also their support for the 68-year-old Umno politician.

On the latest posting, many fans had called for Johoreans to stop supporting Umno, claiming that Muhyiddin’s removal from office was a “slap in the face” for Johoreans.

Several comments also touched on the issue of Bangsa Johor needing to be united and also the recurring issue of Johor's secession from Malaysia.

Tunku Ismail, the heir apparent to the Johor sultanate, was known to be an outspoken royal. He had touched on a variety of current issues that also included football.

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