

ASSESSMENT TO BE MADE

'PH LEADERS NOT AGAINST RESHUFFLE'

Dr M says coalition will assess people's grouses before deciding on cabinet shake-up

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NO members of Pakatan Harapan's (PH) top leadership disagreed to a possible cabinet reshuffle, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The prime minister and PH chairman said the coalition's leaders, who attended the presidential council meeting yesterday, were informed of the plans for the cabinet reshuffle during the three-hour-long meeting.

"They (PH leaders) are not against it. They didn't say 'please

don't reshuffle (sic) me', he said at the Perdana Leadership Foundation here.

On whether he would include PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim in his new line-up, Dr Mahathir said: "I haven't made a decision yet. Everything is possible."

The government, he added, would consider the people's grouses before announcing the reshuffle.

He said some people were supportive of the current cabinet line-up, but were not as vocal as those who were unhappy.

"We have to make an assessment as to who we should follow, those who are against or for the reshuffle," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) chairman, had announced the possibility of a cabinet reshuffle before the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting next year.

Dr Mahathir also dispelled rumours of infighting within the pact, and said all PH leaders were



Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad speaking at a press conference after the coalition's presidential council meeting in Putrajaya yesterday. With him are PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (seated, left) and PH president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, as well as the coalition's top members. PIC BY LUOMAN HAKIM ZUBIR

able to sit together in the meeting rationally. "There were no accusations or curse words hurled at anyone." He said there was no divide in the PH leadership, adding that there might be grassroots members who were dissatisfied and did not have the right facts in hand.

He added that while the coalition practised freedom of speech, he hoped members who had problems would raise them with their own committee or directly with the presidential council. "This is so the public do not perceive us as being divided." The meeting also touched on PH's poor performance in the recent Tanjung Piai by-election.

Dr Mahathir said PH's loss was appropriate action."

a "warning" from the public for it to improve its efforts to address everyday issues, especially cost of living.

"The council heard a post-mortem briefing of the by-election and the PH leadership takes note of the criticism made.

"Each of us has understood our own mistakes and will take the appropriate action."