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Cambodian leader seeks KL's intervention

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - A Cambodian Opposition politician has called on Malaysia to mediate between the two co-Prime Ministers of his country to end their bickering and power struggle.

Dr Mohamed Long Bora Abdullah, the president of the Cambodia Free Independent Democracy Party said Malaysia should play a leading role to bring together co-Prime Ministers Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen who have been bickering since the coalition Government was installed to power.

Ranariddh's Funcinpec and Hun Sen's Cambodia People's Party formed the coalition Government after a UN supervised general election in 1993.

Mohamed, 57, on a visit to Malaysia, hoped Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would help solve the crisis.

"The Cambodian people have great respect for Dr Mahathir and I hope he can help us," he said, adding that he had written to Dr Mahathir to intervene in the matter.

"I also hope to meet Dr Mahathir when he returns from his leave so that I can brief him on the actual situation in Cambodia."

He said he was confident that Ranariddh and Hun Sen would agree to a meeting here.

He expressed confidence that the CFIDP would perform well in the next general election next year.

"My party is becoming more popular especially in view of the power tussle among the present coalition partners," he said.

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