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Three Tuns to inspire Parliament

THREE Tuns in a row. Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's (BN-Kubang Pasu) seat in the Dewan Rakyat is now on the left of Tun Abdul Ghafar Baba's (BN-Batu Berendam), on whose other side is Tun Daim Zainuddin's (Merbok-BN) seat.

The seating arrangement in the Dewan Rakyat has changed to reflect the handover of power from Dr Mahathir to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (BN-Kepala Batas), who now occupies the seat that once belonged to Dr Mahathir.

Abdullah's old seat next to his new one is vacant for the time being.

Ghafar was a former Deputy Prime Minister and Tun Daim a former Finance and Special Functions Minister.

It seems some MPs still have trouble remembering that Dr Mahathir is no longer a Datuk Seri but a Tun.

In the speech text of Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu (BN-Sungai Siput) to debate the motion of thanks to Dr Mahathir, the former Prime Minister was still referred to as Datuk Seri. The MIC president was careful enough to say Tun in his speech.