

## **Dr M warns of minority seeking 'power grab'**

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Malaysia will be a failed state should the majority remain silent and allow a minority to assume power through street demonstrations, claims former Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

At a forum in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Mahathir said the minority have been increasingly vocal, particularly through alternative media outlets which don't always get their facts right.

NONEAccording to a report by Mingguan Malaysia, the Sunday edition of Utusan Malaysia, Mahathir said governments formed from the aftermath of an uprising will face tremendous difficulties.

This is because the new government must take into account many voices before arriving at any decision.

"That's why we need a general election process. Although it cannot satisfy everyone, but it is more peaceful, well-planned and beneficial to the rakyat," he said.

Citing recent calls for legal recognition of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender by groups including the national Human Rights Commission (Suhakam), Mahathir said that these demands were made by a minority and if acceded, will be detrimental to future generations.

"It's not that we are not open-minded, but imagine if homosexuality is allowed. What will happen to the future generations? Should men who have relationships with men and women with women giving birth?

"They are only concerned with their own needs, but never think for the country and the people in the future. This is what we call a dictator (or) selfishness," he said.

Meanwhile, Sinar Harian today reported the former premier telling Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to complete his administration's five-year mandate to boost public confidence.

He said it is a good thing that Najib wants to "respect the five years mandate given by the people".

"But then again, if the government is dragging its feet on calling the GE, all sorts of nonsensical demands and requests will emerge, and they will threaten the government with that," he was quoted saying.

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