

Mahathir: Anwar is as bad as Obama
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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad has compared Pakatan Rakyat leader Anwar Ibrahim to current United States President Barack Obama for promising big changes but failing to keep them.

US president Barack ObamaHe said Anwar's electoral campaign was similar to Obama's (right) - promising the rakyat many changes but with no guarantee of realising them.

Hence he urged the people to support BN.

"Better the devil you know than the angel you don't," he wrote in his blog, Che Det, earlier today.

"The BN has listened to the people and has changed many laws and policies. All the people need to do is to urge the BN to carry out whatever change the people desire," Mahathir said.

The former premier said it would be dangerous to give the opposition party a trial as government for five years, since much damage could be done during that period of time.

"Many things can be destroyed in five years. Besides, the opposition as government will ensure there will be no return for BN. Officers in the government will be used to threaten whoever tries to change the government," he explained.

'Country will be bankrupt'

Mahathir also said Pakatan would make the country bankrupt by turning it into a welfare state by promising free education, no tolls, a lower price for petrol and more.

He explained that the government needed sufficient funds to develop the country and to create subsidies, but if Pakatan cancelled taxes, tolls and fees, the country would be left with no funds and eventually, no reserves.

According to him, it is acceptable for the government to borrow money but only if it can give returns from investments, not for unprofitable spending.

Not just that, Mahathir also accused Anwar of only being interested in becoming the future prime minister, and that he did not make any changes when he was in the government.

"Now, as leader of the opposition, he is claiming he will bring about change. What good change did he introduce when he was in the government?"

"All he was interested in was getting up the leadership ladder of Umno in order to become prime minister. How he achieved his objective does not bear scrutiny," he said.

Thus, Mahathir called on the rakyat to not be deceived by the opposition party, just like how he was previously deceived by (Anwar's) appearance of religious piety.

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