

**Cease using my statements, Musa Hitam tells Pakatan
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Former deputy prime minister Musa Hitam today urged the opposition coalition to stop making use of statements he recently made, that the country would not go bankrupt under a Pakatan Rakyat rule, to gain political mileage in the fast approaching general election.

Musa, who served as a deputy prime minister under former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad's administration between 1981 to 1986, said that Pakatan had been "using" him as a "major weapon" to hit back at BN's arguments that the country would be in financial ruin should the Pakatan regime govern the nation.

"BN seems to have inflicted such a damage to their argument's credibility on this issue that a part of my statement delivered at the speech, allegedly in support of Pakatan, is being displayed and promoted prominently in their (Pakatan) election campaigns," he said in a statement today.

He claimed his speech had garnered various reactions from the online media, bloggers as well as politicians from both sides of the political divide, with certain parties taking the 'liberty' to draw their own conclusions as to his political interests and agenda.

In his statement, he specifically referred to the actions of Pakatan, who he alleged even quoted him using public billboards.

Calling it a "desperate political measure", Musa (right) said that Pakatan's usage of his statements in their campaigns "must stop."

"Without using me, I urge the Pakatan Rakyat to argue it out and leaving it to the good judgement of the electorate," he added.

'No political agenda whatsoever'

He went on to stress that he wishes for a BN-win in the looming elections.

"I am an Umno-BN member and by that very same token, I certainly wish the BN to win in GE13. Indeed, I am certain that BN will win this elections," he added.

He said even so, he will continue to express his "personal views", claiming that it was part of freedom he had "always enjoyed" as an Umno member.

"I have no intention whatsoever of re-entering politics. I have thus no political agenda whatsoever, in spite of some rubbish analysis to the contrary," he stressed.

It was reported last month that Musa had said so during his speech at the Bicara Binda

series organised by Malay daily Sinar Harian and television channel Astro Awani.

Sinar Harian Online had quoted him as saying: "If the opposition were to rule, they would not make foreign investors run away. They will not do so and bankrupt the economy".

Musa currently serves as the chairperson of Sime Darby Berhad.

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