

Dr M warns of arrests with Anwar-Kit Siang combo

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If opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim and DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang helm the federal government, there would be arbitrary arrests, warned Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

As such, the former premier said it is this fear which has kept BN in power and not because of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's popularity.

"People supported BN then (in the last general election) not because of BN, not because of Najib, (but) they were scared of Anwar.

"If they get Anwar (as prime minister), they would see Kit Siang becoming deputy prime minister and then home minister and people would get arrested, that is what they reject," he said in an exclusive interview with Sinar Harian yesterday.

However, Mahathir appeared to suggest that Anwar's jailing might work against BN.

The ex-premier said that if Anwar goes to jail, the fear of opting for the opposition might dissipate.

"if (PKR deputy president) Azmin Ali step ups and Anwar goes in (to jail), people may change their minds.

"People are not afraid of Azmin, they are afraid of Anwar," he said.

Anwar is awaiting the verdict of his final appeal with regard to his sodomy conviction.

He is accused of sodomising his former aide Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, a charge which he claims is politically motivated.

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