

Dr M prods PM to fulfil snap polls 'promise', let more die from Covid-19

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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad is prodding his rival, Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin, to keep his word and hold snap elections soon - and accept the dire consequences that will follow.

Without naming names, Mahathir, in a blog post, cited Muhyiddin's previous remarks that a general election (GE) would be held soon if Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) won last month's state election.

"The top leadership said, if they win (in Sabah) there will be a GE.

"Keep your word. Hold a GE. Let hundreds of thousands get infected (with Covid-19). Let more people die.

"Politics is more important than principle. What do I care? I get (what I want)," Mahathir said in a snide blog post this morning.

Last month, Muhyiddin said if GRS - which consists of Perikatan Nasional, BN, and PBS - wins in Sabah, that he would "hurry up" and hold the snap election.

GRS won the election with 38 seats in the legislature.

However, the Sabah election - which was triggered after a political coup attempt by PN and BN - has been blamed for worsening the Covid-19 pandemic in the country.

Several politicians who campaigned in the Sabah election were infected with Covid-19.

In one case, a teacher married to a politician who campaigned in Sabah was infected and triggered mass swab tests for 600 primary school students in Penang.

As of Oct 8, there have been 283 cases of Covid-19 linked to travel to Sabah since Sept 20 - including non-politicians.

Muhyiddin's PN government currently has a slim two-seat majority in Parliament, which pundits say is highly susceptible to political shifts.

Meanwhile, Mahathir's other rival, PKR president Anwar Ibrahim, is scheduled to meet the Yang di-Pertuan Agong tomorrow to prove that he has a strong majority to form a new federal government.

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