

Dr Mahathir joins Putra

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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad has joined Parti Bumiputera Perkasa Malaysia (Putra).

According to former Pejuang Central Executive Committee member Armin Baniyah Pahamin, the nonagenarian joined Putra along with 13 others who had also left Pejuang, including Mahathir loyalist Khairuddin Abu Hassan.

"The mission and goal must be clear if we are to succeed in a struggle. The main struggle and cause are to unite the people, the party and the Malay organisation.

"Please pray that Allah eases and blesses our struggle. It is only through uniting the Malays that we can band together to solve problems and issues for the sake of religion and country," the New Straits Times quoted Armin as saying yesterday.

This comes after Mahathir said last week that he was mulling joining the four-year-old Putra.

“So far, I do not see a reason why I should not accept the invitation (to join), but I always give myself time to think seriously when I have to make decisions.

“The offer to join Putra goes well with my (political) struggles. I will think about this, and if I find this is suitable for me, I will apply to be a member, and if they want me as an adviser, I can be that as well,” he had told a media conference.

Earlier this month, Mahathir quit Pejuang, along with 12 other members, after the party cut ties with Gerakan Tanah Air (GTA) coalition.

Mahathir founded Pejuang in 2020 after quitting Bersatu.

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