Akhbar Singapura Tuduh Bekas Pembantu Dr M Terlibat Dengan Kekalahan Beliau

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DI SINI disiarkan keratan akhbar ***The Straits Times*** Singapura bertarikh 14 September 2006 di atas tajuk **"Ex-aides Accused of Engineering Maha thir's Defeat"**, atau dalam bahasa Melayu **"Bekas-bekas pembantu Dr. Mahathir dituduh bertang gung jawab di atas kekalahan Dr. Mahathir"**. Mereka ini dikatakan telah berjaya mempengaruhi pengundi-pengundi supaya tidak memberi undi kepa da bekas Perdana Menteri itu untuk menjadi perwaki lan UMNO Bahagian Kubang Pasu ke Perhimpunan Agung UMNO bulan depan.

Dalam artikel ini, bekas-bekas pembantu Tun Dr. Mahathir yang dikatakan terlibat ialah Datuk Saad Man, bekas setiausaha politik Tun Dr. Mahathir; Da tuk Hanafi Ramli, bekas timbalan ketua UMNO baha gian Kubang Pasu dan bekas Menteri Besar Kedah, Tan Sri Os man Aroff.

Dalam arti kel ini juga di nyata kan ba hawa wang tu nai telah dibe rikan kepada para pengundi sebagai sogokan pada perjumpaan yang diadakan di Kelab Darul Aman, Kedah sehari sebelum pemilihan berjalan dan dikatakan dihadiri oleh separuh dari 500 yang layak mengundi.

Dalam pemilihan tersebut Tun Dr. Mahathir gagal untuk mendapatkan tempat apabila beliau jatuh no. 9. daripada 14 calon yang bertanding. Tun Dr. Maha thir kemudian mendakwa bahawa ada pengundi yang telah mengadu kepadanya kerana telah disogok seba nyak RM200 untuk mengundi orang-orang tertentu sahaja.

Menurut Tun Dr. Mahathir lagi, bekas-bekas pem bantu beliau itu dalam ucapan mereka telah mendak wa bahawa kononnya ketika mereka di bawah pen tadbiran beliau, mereka tidak pernah mendapat apa-apa. Bagaimanapun Tun Dr. Mahathir menafikan dak waan mereka sebaliknya mereka ini telah diberi jawa tan dan mendapat pelbagai manfaat dari kedudukan mereka ketika itu.

Sementara itu, Ketua UMNO Bahagian Kubang Pasu, Datuk Johari Baharum menafikan ada berlaku politik wang sebaliknya menganggap dakwaan ter sebut sebagai propaganda oleh penyokong-penyokong Tun Dr. Mahathir.

5 perwakilan UMNO Kubang Pasu serah laporan dakwaan politik wang

KUALA LUMPUR 29 Sept. – Lima wakil cawangan yang terlibat dalam pemilihan wakil G7 pada Persidangan UMNO Bahagian Kubang Pasu, 9 September lalu, hari ini membuat laporan rasmi kepada Lembaga Disiplin parti atas dakwaan berlaku sogokan wang dan salah laku pada pemilihan itu.

Wakil UMNO Cawangan Kampung Lembah Arang, Aminuddin Omar berkata, dalam laporan itu pihaknya mengemukakan tiga dakwaan termasuk kononnya berlaku sogokan wang pada pemilihan tersebut.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui Ibu Pejabat UMNO di sini hari ini.

Empat lagi wakil yang terlibat ialah Ketua UMNO Cawangan Kampung Darat, Ibrahim Ariffin; wakil UMNO Cawangan Kampung Biak, Ismail Taib; Ketua Pemuda UMNO Cawangan Kampung Darat, Nor Mohammad Darus dan Setiausaha UMNO Cawangan Kampung Kemunting, Rozi Razak.

Laporan tersebut diserahkan kepada Setiausaha Kerja UMNO, Brigedier Jeneral (B) Datuk Husainay Hashim.

Keratan akhbar 'Utusan Malaysia' 30 September melaporkan bahawa 5 perwakilan UMNO Kubang Pasu telah membuat aduan kepada Lembaga Disiplin UMNO.

It is just propaganda by his supporters. Some parties are making this into an issue. As far as I'm concerned, everything is over. Even Tun himself had said he accepted the decision.

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Division chief dismisses claim of money politics

Keratan akhbar 'NEW STRAITS TIMES' bertarikh 13 September 2006

Ex-aides accused of engineering Mahathir's defeat

At a meeting, they allegedly told voters not to back the former PM

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THREE former top aides of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad have come under fire for holding a meeting to deny him victory in the recent election in his Kubang Pasu Umno division.

Umno chiefs have said there was no campaigning to ensure the former premier lost in last Saturday's election, but his supporters said the meeting with delegates held at Kelab Darul Aman in Kedah served to stab him in the back.

Datuk Saad Man, who was Tun Mahathir's political secretary; Datuk Hanafi Ramli, former deputy chief of the Kubang Pasu Umno division; and former Kedah Menteri Besar (chief minister) Osman Aroff allegedly persuaded voters not to back the former prime minister at the gathering.

"There was a meeting and the leaders reminded the voters not to pick Dr Mahathir," said a Kedah-based source yesterday.

News of the clubhouse caucus – and allegations that cash was paid to those who attended – has added fuel to arguments about what really caused Tun Dr Mahathir's humiliating defeat.

The meeting is said to have been held on Friday evening and attended by about half of the 500 divisional voters.

The pleas of the three men had a decisive influence on the election's outcome, the former premier's supporters alleged.

The three leaders were not available for comment yesterday.

Tun Dr Mahathir was chief of the Kubang Pasu Umno division for 26 years; he was also its Member of Parliament.

Members of the Kubang Pasu division did not pick the former premier as one of their seven delegates to attend the party's annual assembly in November.

The mainstream media yesterday played up comments by party leaders who said Tun Dr Mahathir must produce proof that bribes were paid to defeat him, as well as make a formal complaint about it.

They included Umno Supreme Council member Nazri Aziz, who said he doubted the division members would "stoop so low as to accept a RM200 bribe just to ensure Dr Mahathir would not get elected". RM200 is about S$86.

"I don't think it's right. If it is true, then make a report," he said on Tuesday.

These sentiments were echoed by Kubang Pasu Umno division chief Johari Baharom and Umno Youth chief Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

At the news conference on Monday when he said that cash had been paid out by those against him, Tun Dr Mahathir also referred to the clubhouse meeting.

He said his three former lieutenants had in speeches at the meeting claimed they did not get anything under his administration.

"Osman Aroff, the former Menteri Besar, said in his speech I did not give him anything. I don't know what he wanted from me when I was PM, but he was made Menteri Besar so what else does he want?" Tun Dr Mahathir said.

He also said Datuk Hanafi cannot complain because he was appointed chairman of the Tourism Promotion Board.

"And another person was Saad Man. He campaigned against me although he is not an Umno member any more," he added.

On their part, Umno chiefs have accused the pro-Mahathir camp of presenting Kubang Pasu voters with a free newspaper and VCDs promoting the former premier's views.

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