

Mukhriz **Claims Stronger Support For Dr M After Bribery Exposure**

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PENANG — Umno Youth Exco member Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir Wednesday claimed that support for his father, former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, has grown stronger after he exposed political corruption in the election of Umno Kubang Pasu divisional delegates on Sept 9.

Mukhriz said an increasing number of Umno members now understood what went on during the election to choose delegates to the Umno general assembly.

He said the party members could see that there were some people who apparently did not value his father's services to the extent of using bribes to defeat him.

"I also see that their efforts to frustrate my father have not only failed but also backfired on them," he told reporters after presenting Raya gifts to about 50 orphans and poor people at Masjid Kampung Rawa here.

Mukhriz was commenting on the action by five branch leaders in Kubang Pasu division who submitted an official complaint to the Umno Disciplinary Board last Friday alleging bribes and other wrongdoings during the delegates election.

Dr Mahathir lost in the contest to become a divisional delegate but Mukhriz was successful.

Mukhriz denied a statement by the divisional secretary Samsuddin Ahmad that the five branch leaders were his strong supporters.

He said he was not involved in the effort by the five to lodge their complaint although he knew them.

"I know that they lodged the complaint not to confirm what my father said but to save Umno from political corruption," he added.

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