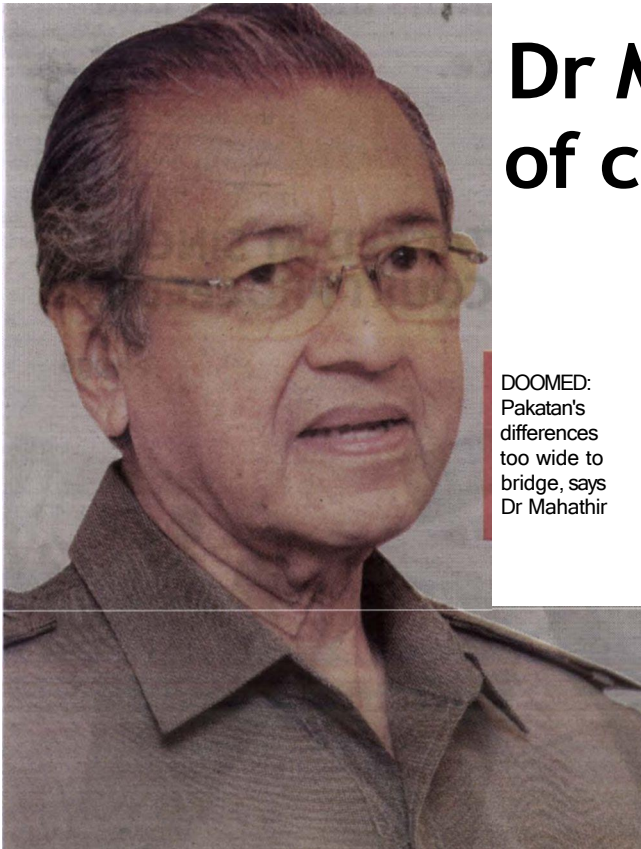


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Dr M: Pakatan a marriage of convenience that will fail

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SHAH ALAM: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad took a swipe at the rift-infested Pakatan Rakyat coalition, saying its internal strife concerning Kulim-Bandar Baharu MP Zulkifli Noordin corroborated his claim that the coalition was a fragile "marriage of convenience".

Dr Mahathir said the public spat between Zulkifli and Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad, did not surprise him.

"It is not something new. There are so many differences between the three parties," he said this morning after visiting the i-City project in Section 7 here.

"It is a marriage of convenience. Sooner or later,

I'M PREPARED FOR ANY POSSIBILITY

PKR's Kulim MP refuses to back down on 'allah' issue

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KULIM: A fight is certainly on the cards with controversial Kulim MP Zulkifli Noordin, threatened with disciplinary action for lodging a police report against a fellow Member of Parliament over remarks on the equally controversial "allah" issue, this morning unflinching in

...I am already being punished although there has yet to be any proceedings against me. Looks like the little Napoleons are barking here and there, demanding for my head!

-Zulkifli Noordin

In a posting in his blog, <http://zulkifli.blogspot.com>, the lawyer said he would not budge from his stand on the 'allah' issue, and was ready for "any possibility".

"My sin was only to defend the sovereignty of the word 'allah' from being desecrated by the groups that deny politics. To them, politics allows

took his grievances to the party leadership. Anwar had also said that Zulkifli would face disciplinary action.

An online news portal was not concerned if the had also reported that PKR party decided to sack him, as he was "Muslim first and party member second".

Zulkifli argued that the use of the word 'allah' by non-Muslims in the Malay edition of the Catholic publication *Herald* was "an issue that threatened the social fabric of Malaysia and was not a political matter".



ZULKIFLI: Filed a police report against Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad

such an arrangement will disintegrate."

Dr Mahathir said there have been numerous cases of controversial differences between the three parties that formed Pakatan Rakyat.

"They are going to have many more problems among

themselves. Their political ideologies and differences are too wide to bridge.

So, you will continuously see more problems."

On blogger Aduka Taruna who was questioned for his posting that insulted the late Sultan of Johor, Dr Mahathir,

who is also a blogger, said bloggers should not be personal in their postings.

"I have written (in his blog Che Det) many times, and I have been critical and (yet) I have never been arrested," he said.

"If people want to write, they have to write critically and not use it as a platform to hit out at people without any facts or figures."

FLASHBACK: Our report yesterday