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Dr M: I quit, so why can't Kit Siang, Nik Aziz?

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MUAR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on Parti Keadilan Rakyat de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang and Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat to resign from their posts to allow younger leaders to take over.

He said the trio should lead by example by living up to the expectation of their election slogan calling for a change.

"I made the change by stepping down as prime minister. They should openly tell the people why they cannot accept their own slogan to change for themselves first," he told about 5,000 people attending the Bicara Perdana forum held at Tanjung Emas here on Sunday night.

Dr Mahathir also called on the Johor people to reject Pakatan Rakyat's candidates, especially those from DAP, as it would lead to a downfall in the state should they take over the government.

He said Kit Siang's move to Gelang Patah in Johor was to create racial disharmony among Malays and Chinese by exploiting the Chinese education issue and the special rights and privileges of the Malays.

"By inciting racial conflict, Kit Siang wants the Chinese to vote for DAP."

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, Deputy Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Razali Ibrahim, and members of the state executive council.

Dr Mahathir said he had to expose Kit Siang's ulterior motives so that Chinese voters would not be hoodwinked by his words and empty promises.

"If the people choose DAP, the country will face chaos and years of hard work by BN would go down the drain."

He said the success of BN was its power-sharing concept, which had brought continuous peace and security, political and economic stability, prosperity and development.

