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# Bury Kit Siang, Dr M tells Johor voters

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**JOHOR BARU:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on voters in Johor to ensure that the 13th general election will end DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang's political career.

He also called on the people to end the political career of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat through the ballot box in the election to be held soon.

"Lim Kit Siang wants to come here (to contest). I call on the people of Johor to ensure that the state will be the 'burial ground' of Lim Kit Siang's politics.

"We must ensure that he (Kit Siang) loses in Johor. The state of Johor will continue to become the 'fixed deposit' for BN (Barisan Nasional)," he said at the programme *Bicara Minda* organised by the Pulai parliamentary constituency's service centre on Sunday.

The DAP adviser recently decided to contest the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat in Johor in an effort by the Pakatan Rakyat to penetrate the state, a BN stronghold.

Mahathir said Kit Siang wanted the people to "change" and "transform" the BN government, but it was the DAP veteran leader who should be changed.

He said Kit Siang had been in politics for too long, beginning in 1964 when he was the political secretary to DAP founder Devan Nair, a former president of Singapore.

Mahathir said Anwar too should be rejected because the PKR leader was only interested in becoming prime minister and he was prepared to do anything to achieve his goal. He said when Malaysia was facing the financial crisis in 1997, Anwar merely listened to International Monetary Fund managing director Michel Camdessus, and World Bank president James Wolfensohn to the extent that the country's economy was "destabilised", according to Bernama.

In an immediate response, Kit Siang wrote in his blog: "I am prepared to submit my political life to the people of Gelang Patah ... comprising some 53% Chinese voters, 33% Malay voters and over 12% Indian voters." He also asked Mahathir to fight him, saying: "Is Mahathir prepared to submit his political life to the voters of Gelang Patah?"