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Dr M tells Husam to go back to Kelantan

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PUTRAJAYA: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad may have left the government administration a decade ago but the statesman still wields much influence in what he says.

This was evident in the strong

presence of some 7,000 people at a ceramah organised by Barisan Nasional (BN) on Saturday in Putrajaya, the brainchild of Mahathir.

His message to Pakatan Rakyat was simple - "Forget about Putrajaya".

Mahathir said instead, the Opposition should focus on improving their states, citing Kelantan as an example.

"He (Datuk Abdul Nik Aziz Nik Mat) has failed to administer the state properly. As you can see, the state government has failed to provide adequate jobs for their people, aside from providing clean water supply," he told the crowd gathered to hear him speak at the campaign trail of BN Putrajaya candidate, Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Mansor on Saturday.

Just a day earlier, Nik Aziz came to

Putrajaya to lend his support to PAS hopeful for Putrajaya, Datuk Husam Musa.

Mahathir said PAS, Nik Aziz and Husam should go back to Kelantan and look into matters in the east coast state, and only then they can "ask for the chance to work in Putrajaya".

"They can come here to sell *pisang goreng*. It's the best training for those wanting to be the prime minister.

"Until then you should sit quietly in Kelantan, for that is your place," he said, drawing laughter from the crowd.

Tengku Adnan, when contacted, told *theSun*: "We have done our checks and the feedback we received is that he (Husam) does not even take care of his former constituency (Salor in Kelantan), so why bother coming here?" he said.