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JMM: Do not use Dr Mahathir as political tool

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KUALA LUMPUR: Jaringan Melayu Malaysia (JMM) has condemned pro-opposition portals promoting attempts to employ former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a political tool.

For example, JMM director Noramalina Mohamad said, the portals were also supporting moves to appoint Dr Mahathir as PKR de facto leader.

In a statement yesterday, Noramalina said the portals seemed eager to put the government at loggerheads and create a negative perception of the Barisan Nasional government.

She also wondered whether the attempts could have been made by a media tycoon, whom she claimed

owned several of the portals, and was allegedly a close ally of PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"We ask him to come forward to explain what exactly are his and Anwar's political agendas.

"Is he involved in trying to appoint Dr Mahathir as PKR's de facto leader, to replace Anwar and to destroy Umno?" Noramalina added.

Meanwhile, JMM secretary Hamdan Mohd Salleh said the portals seemed to have been successful in using Dr Mahathir as a political tool to discredit the government.

"They are trying to make use of him for their benefit. We strongly condemn them for their attempt to divide the people."