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## Long enemies, Anwar and Mahathir join forces against PM Najib

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Anwar Ibrahim, the imprisoned de facto leader of Malaysia's opposition alliance, has endorsed a political compact spearheaded by his arch-nemesis Dr Mahathir Mohamad, as ruling party rebels and the opposition join hands to fight against scandal-tainted Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

This new coalition could potentially pose the biggest political threat to Najib, who has been facing persistent calls to step down over multi-billion dollar graft allegations tied to the state-owned investment fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) that he oversaw.

Yesterday, US prosecutors filed five lawsuits to seize more than US\$1 billion in assets they said were tied to money stolen from 1MDB.

Both Anwar and former premier Mahathir have long been central figures in Malaysian politics. A bitter feud between the two senior leaders spanning nearly two decades has shaped the political landscape.