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'Dr M, Mukhriz not wanted by Pakatan'

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PADANG RENGAS: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants to form a new party because Pakatan Harapan does not want him and his son, former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir as members, said Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

He said Pakatan Harapan could not accept leaders like Dr Mahathir as they knew he wanted to join the pact to promote his son.

He said this was proven as DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang's son, Guan Eng, is DAP secretary-general and Penang chief minister, while PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail's daughter, Nurul Izzah Anwar, is PKR vice-president.

"I welcome Dr Mahathir to establish a political party because



**Datuk Seri
Mohamed
Nazri Abdul
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**Tun Dr
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Mohamad**

it is a democratic practice in Parliament.

"I see that he has listened to me in forming a new party instead of yelling in the streets and holding demonstrations.

"Barisan Nasional will fight against whichever party he has formed in the coming general election," he said after a Hari Raya Aidilfitri gathering at Taman Puncak Bougainvillea near here yesterday.

Nazri was commenting on Dr Mahathir's statement on Thursday announcing that he would form a party that would be part of the opposition to face BN in the 14th General Election.

He hoped that the people would respect Dr Mahathir as a former prime minister but not follow his ways, which clearly showed "Malays have forgotten themselves". **Bernama**