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Dr M and Anwar issue joint statement against NSC Act

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim have jointly issued a statement over their stand to oppose the National Security Council Act 2015.

In the statement which was issued at the High Court here, both of them stated that the Act threatens the country's democratic sys-

tem, and the statement was made with the aim to protect the people's rights and freedom.

The Act has set aside the power and role of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Conference of Rulers in relation to issue of security and freedom of the people, they said.

They said the Act has also denied

the rights of those who were killed to determine their cause of death.

"There is a bigger possibility that it could cause wrongdoing," they said in the statement which was distributed to the media by former Batu Kawan Umno division deputy head Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan.

Khairuddin also read out the

statement to the reporters present after attending a case at the court complex here yesterday.

Anwar was attending the hearing of his defamation suit against Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin. Dr Mahathir was not present in court.

When met later, Anwar confirmed the statement.

"It is an initiative. It is good enough. Tun Dr Mahathir is experienced," he added.

When asked if he have forgiven Dr Mahathir for his past actions against him, he replied: "I have forgiven a lot of people."

Anwar added that he was appreciative and thankful to Dr Mahathir for his support to oppose the Act.

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