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Khairy says Dr M practises Machiavellian politics

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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin described Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a political enemy who practices “do whatever it takes” politics and has no loyal friends.

He said the former prime minister practised the politics of Italian philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli, where there were no values.

“He pretends to be on the side of the people, but the real aim is attaining power,” he said in his keynote address at the Umno Youth assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday, adding that Dr Mahathir’s stand today was very different from when he was in government.

“Do not forget. Do not let the people forget that the so-called struggle of our former leader is only for show and is just trickery. It is hypocrisy, where he chases the helm to build a legacy and an empire.”

At the assembly attended by 990 delegates, Khairy showed videos of Dr Mahathir’s different stands when

he was in power and compared them with now, highlighted through his relationship with PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and his stand on street demonstrations.

Khairy also recited a poem, titled *Melayu Mudah Lupa* (Malays Forget Easily), aimed at Dr Mahathir.

He said Umno Youth would remember Dr Mahathir’s deeds and fight his betrayal of the party.

He slammed the Bersih 5 rally, saying it was proof that its supporters were so driven by a thirst for power that they accepted Dr Mahathir, who had banned street rallies when he was in power.

“The street demonstrations that Dr Mahathir once crushed with FRU (Federal Reserve Unit), ISA (Internal Security Act) and an iron fist are today supported and upheld as the people’s voice.

“Their willingness to do a 180° U-turn is not based on principles, but because they want power, so to them, the end justifies the means.” **Bernama**