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# Dr M turns up at PAN meeting

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**SHAH ALAM:** For the second time in a week, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad created a stir when he made an appearance at an opposition party's national convention.

The former premier arrived at the Shah Alam Convention Centre here at 9am yesterday for Parti Amanah Negara's (PAN) two-day national convention.

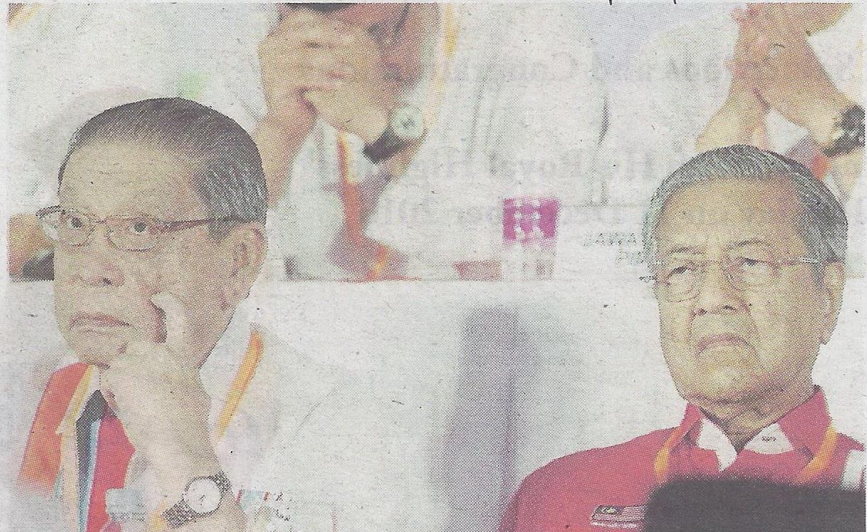
Seated on the main stage, Dr Mahathir was flanked by PAN president Mohamad Sabu, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang and PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar.

Present were other opposition leaders, including PAN deputy president Salahuddin Ayub, DAP national vice-chairman Teresa Kok, DAP political education director Liew Chin Tong and PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli.

Others present included Bersih 2.0 chairman Maria Chin Abdullah and former minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Zaid Ibrahim.

Just last Sunday, Dr Mahathir made a surprise appearance at DAP's 50th national convention.

The former prime minister sat on the stage with national DAP leaders although the party had earlier said



*Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad sitting next to DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang at Parti Amanah Negara's national convention in Shah Alam yesterday. Pic by Rosdan Wahid*

he was not invited.

Sabu said a united opposition front was necessary to face off with Umno and Barisan Nasional in the next general election.

"It is only through such cooperation that we can provide the answer to the political dilemma in our country," Mohamad, who is popularly known as Mat Sabu, said in his speech at the convention.

Salahuddin said the uncertainties surrounding Pakatan Harapan could be resolved as early as Tues-

day, when the pact holds its presidential council meeting.

He said among the matters to be discussed was PPBM's inclusion in the coalition.

"We will wait for PPBM first. If PPBM agrees to join Pakatan Harapan, and should the meeting accept the party, we will then have a new Pakatan Harapan."

He stressed that as of now, they had to accept Pakatan Harapan as a pact comprising DAP, PKR and PAN.