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Dr M changes his tune about DAP

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Mahathir: I was wrong about party – members come from all racial backgrounds

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SHAH ALAM: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has made an unprecedented appearance at the DAP national conference here, taking centre stage with its party veterans.

Dr Mahathir, who was once critical of DAP and even branded it racist, was seated in front of the stage with DAP leader Lim Kit Siang and party life adviser Dr Chen Man Hin

as well as other Pakatan Harapan leaders.

Applause had broken out the moment Dr Mahathir, accompanied by DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) president Mohamad Sabu, stepped into the hall at the IDEAL Convention Centre here. Also present were Bersih 2.0 chairman Maria Chin Abdullah, PKR secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution Ismail

and former Cabinet minister Datuk Zaid Ibrahim.

However, notably absent were former Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and ex-Kedah Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

Later, Dr Mahathir, the Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman, said he had been wrong about DAP.

“It is an experience for me. DAP’s party song is in the national language and the conference is also

conducted in the national language through and through.

“I see members from different racial backgrounds attending the conference here today. DAP is not a Chinese-only party but a multiracial one.

“They have non-Chinese members holding top posts in the party,” he told reporters here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said he disagreed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak’s claim that the country’s political struggle was only

between Umno and DAP.

“Umno is in Barisan Nasional and DAP is in Pakatan Harapan, with Pribumi joining them soon. I am baffled by what he said,” he added.

He said DAP had no way of going it alone in forming the government, adding that it needed Pakatan and its other Opposition partners.

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