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What happens to Dr M's party once Najib ousted?

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The latest twist to the Malaysian political landscape is the announcement concerning the formation of a new party linked to former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

However, governance watchdog Kuasa is viewing this development with "great apprehension and concern".

Kuasa chief executive Praba Ganesan noted that the speculations and comments from those linked to the new party, including Mahathir, revolved around Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak stepping down, and not about the qualities and principles of the new entity they are proposing to the Malaysian people.

He believes this narrative made it easier for opponents to accuse Mahathir of just wanting to create a vehicle for this son, former Kedah menteri besar Mukhriz, to become prime minister.

"What is likely to happen when and if Najib is ousted, will the party cease to have a purpose? How will this party consolidate its powers relative to other players on the scene?

"If the foreseeable end goal of a party centres around one man, is the party serving the