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'We will ensure new party's success'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The necessary preparations will be carried out to ensure the success of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's new party.

This was the assurance given by Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in his statement released yesterday, following his discussion with Mahathir, Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir and those he called "other partners".

"I agree with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's proposal to establish a new political party that will work hand in hand with all parties, including Pakatan Harapan (PH) and civil society organisations to continue the struggle of saving Malaysia as well as to take steps to carry out institutional reforms," he said.

Admitting that a political party could survive only when there was

consensual agreement among its partners, Muhyiddin also supported opposition leaders' call for parties to return to the negotiation table.

"I'm also of the same opinion as Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and a number of PH and PAS leaders, that opposition parties need to continue their negotiations to invoke solidarity in facing the general election," he said.

Taking a jab at his former party, his statement rubbished claims that Umno would win

in the next general election.

"Claims that BN will continue to be in power and corrupt politicians will still reign due to the rift in the opposition are not necessarily true.



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin

"I'm sure Malaysia is prepared to swim with the tide of change, and citizens, regardless of their racial and religious backgrounds, will be united to preserve their fates, combat bribery, power abuse and the excessive manipulation of racial sentiment, to pave the

way for a better future for all," he said.