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Muhyiddin backs former PM's political plans

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PETALING JAYA: Former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin fully supports Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's plan to set up a new political party which will join forces with the Opposition.

Muhyiddin in a statement said that he agreed with Dr Mahathir's plans.

He added that he had held discussions with the former prime minister, former Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal and former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir about the need to establish a new political platform.

He also said that he recognised that establishing a new political platform would only work if the other Opposition leaders agreed on it.

Muhyiddin added that he agreed with Pakatan Harapan and PAS leaders who have said that the Opposition parties have to return to the negotiating table to form an alliance to face the upcoming general election.

"This alliance will be very important to gain public confidence, that political parties other than Barisan Nasional are able to lead Malaysia and are better suited to defend the people's interests," he said yesterday.

Muhyiddin added that he was willing to hold discussions with all parties to find the best method to bring about the political change and governance eagerly anticipated by Malaysians.

He said that he was confident that the country was ready to weather the changing tides, while Malaysians, regardless of race and religion, would unite to defend the people's interests.