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# Khalid doubtful about coalition

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## Proposed alliance's parties do not have common agenda, says ex-MB

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former Selangor menteri besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim is sceptical that a new opposition coalition involving the party mooted by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad can resolve problems faced by opposition parties in the country.

He said the proposed coalition to be made up of PKR, DAP, Amanah and the yet to be named new party, had no clear principles or struggles beyond wanting to oust certain groups of people within the government.

"They cannot solve whatever problems they are facing through this. This is because as we can see, Amanah has its own stand, PKR has separate principles and DAP is working towards another direction.

"There may be some common agenda but there are also many big disparities within the group," he told *The Star* when met at his Hari Raya open house yesterday.

Khalid was commenting on the announcement by the former prime minister and Umno president about the plan to form a new party that

will work with PKR, DAP, Amanah, non-governmental organisations and individuals under a new opposition coalition to take on Barisan Nasional in the next general election.

The independent Bandar Tun Razak MP said the coalition so far did not provide a clear framework for the *rakyat* and its formation was only discussed between leaders for the interest of certain groups.

"They only discuss within their group on how to topple certain people.

"There is no clear effort to determine their plan if they are successful in achieving their target.

"I think they are not in harmony. I hope this political trend can be reduced as the *rakyat* are already tired of the never-ending political developments," he added.

Asked if he would join the coalition, Khalid said it was unlikely as his political career had ended after he held the Selangor menteri besar post.

"I want to focus my efforts on other work, especially in helping and promoting Islam in the region," he added.



**Well wishers:** Khalid entertaining guests during the Hari Raya open house at his home in Damansara Heights.