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Gani denies link to Dr M's new party

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former attorney-general Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail says he will never be involved in politics, denying social media claims of his involvement in a new party to be formed by ex-prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

His name was listed among the party's top leadership which became viral on social media on Saturday.

"The recent release of a list of people supposedly involved in the formation of the new party is a fake and a lie. I have never been involved and will never be involved in politics. I am and will always be a professional," he said via WhatsApp.

The list of the new political party leadership that is expected to be formed by Dr Mahathir, among others, named former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as president with former Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal as his deputy.

The vice-presidents reportedly comprised former minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Zaid Ibrahim, former PAS

vice-president Datuk Husam Musa and former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir. Former Wanita Umno chief Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz is listed as treasurer while former Batu Kawan Umno division vice-chief Datuk Seri Khairuddin Abu Hassan holds the post of secretary-general.

Abdul Gani is listed as a member of the supreme council that includes former minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, former Wanita Umno vice-chief Datuk Kamilia Ibrahim, ex-Malacca chief minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik and Perkasa president Datuk Ibrahim Ali.

Abdul Wahid, Ibrahim, Rafidah and Khairuddin are reported to have denied their involvement in the party and described the listing of their names as being ridiculous and false.

On Thursday, Dr Mahathir announced an opposition pact, involving a new party, PKR, DAP and Parti Amanah Negara, which would be formed to challenge the Barisan Nasional in the coming 14th general election. — Bernama