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# Pas V-P: Dr M's diminished clout will not help PAN

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**SUNGAI BESAR:** Efforts made to bolster Parti Amanah Negara's (PAN) campaign through the involvement of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad are considered futile.

Pas vice-president Datuk Iskandar Abdul Samad said Dr Mahathir's

clout had diminished as he was ostracised by his former comrades in Barisan Nasional (BN) following attacks on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Iskandar said Dr Mahathir's overtures would not provide PAN with

an edge against Pas.

"Judging from voters' feedback, Dr Mahathir is (thoroughly) rejected by Umno (and BN). Hence, I do not think it (Dr Mahathir's campaign and support for PAN) will affect us. We (Pas) had gone against him in the

past (when Dr Mahathir was prime minister), and we are going against him now even though he is no longer the prime minister."

Dr Mahathir had over the week-end campaigned in Sungai Besar and later, Kuala Kangsar, against BN

and expressed his support for PAN.

On Dr Mahathir's statement that the by-elections would serve as a referendum to gauge the people's support for BN, Iskandar said such a sentiment had long been understood by all contesting parties.