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# Mubarak, 43 NGOs oppose Mahathir-Kit Siang declaration

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Former Elected Representatives Council (Mubarak), together with 43 other non-governmental organisations (NGOs), yesterday signed a joint statement to campaign against the Mahathir-Kit Siang declaration.

Among the NGOs that signed the agreement were Umno Veteran Malaysia, 4B Malaysia Youth Movement, Peninsular Malay Students Association and Malay Contractors Association of Malaysia.

Mubarak president Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Rahman said the joint statement was to demonstrate support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's leadership.

"We oppose and condemn the movement led by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that aims to overthrow the government.

"The declaration contradicts the constitutional principles and our democratic system.

"The declaration signed was not a declaration by the people but by those who are dissatisfied, demanding that Najib step down," he said here yesterday.

Aziz urged the people to stand firm with the government, which was democratically elected and not to be influenced by the movement as it could destroy the nation and harm the people.

"The alliance with the opposition to do a nationwide roadshow to bring down Najib is unacceptable.

"It could jeopardise national security."

He said such a movement might cause people to split their support for the government that could lead

to racial disharmony.

"There are several ways to change the government, for example through a vote of no confidence.

"Collecting signatures on the streets is not the way to do it as it is against the democratic system in our country."

Aziz said Dr Mahathir, who had been Mubarak's patron since 2005, had automatically lost the post by quitting Umno.

"Dr Mahathir is no longer our patron since he has left Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) for the second time.

"Our main objective is to support BN's leadership.

"Since Dr Mahathir has resigned from Umno and chosen to conspire with the opposition, we have decided to let him go."