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PPBM chairman **Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad**, wearing a **Free Anwar Now badge**, wants the **opposition coalition** to focus on securing **Putrajaya**. Pic by Rosdan Wahid

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Dr M's 'Free Anwar Now' badge irks netizens

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysians find it ironic that Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is now going all-out to free ex-opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from prison, since the former prime minister was the person responsible for putting his deputy behind bars on charges of sodomy.

Dr Mahathir, who is Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman, was spotted wearing a badge, which read "Free Anwar Now" yesterday.

The photograph was circulated on social media, where netizens questioned Dr Mahathir's credibility.

Datuk Lokman Noor Adam, who was Johor PKR Youth chief, shared the image on Instagram, and said Dr Mahathir must be "desperate" to resort to this to strengthen the opposition party.

Social Entrepreneur and MyWomen (Malaysian Association of Women Empowerment) president Datuk Geethanjali G. said the former premier was an "epitome of ultimate hypocrisy".

Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin wrote in his Twitter: "Now I've seen it all. No permanent friends, no permanent enemies. Politics of expediency."