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Khairy: Dr M's move weird

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PAROI: Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin has described Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad wearing a "Free Anwar Now" badge on his shirt as "weird".

The former prime minister, who fired Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as his deputy in 1998, was seen wearing the badge at the Pakatan Harapan convention in Shah Alam on Saturday.

"It's weird. This just goes to show that for Tun Mahathir, the end justifies all, no matter what it takes," he said.

Khairy, who is also youth and sports minister, added that Dr Mahathir's willingness to work with someone who, until recently, was his political nemesis, only reflected his

wavering political stand.

"Due to Tun Mahathir's disagreement with the government, he is willing to compromise his political stand, (even though) he had held tight for almost 20 years.

"All because of his political interests," said Khairy during the National Fit Masjid programme at Masjid At-Taqwa here yesterday.

Present was state Youth and Sports executive councillor Datuk Zaifulbahri Idris.

Fit Masjid is a spiritual-based concept programme which aims to bring youth closer to Islamic institutions, such as mosques, through

casual recreational activities.

More than 1,000 people participated in the programme, which began as early as 5am.

It started with a *qiamul-lail* session, *usrah* and *Fajr* prayers, followed by a 10km Fun Ride and 5km Fun Walk.

"We want to change the perception among youth who think that the mosque is only a place for worship.

"With the combination of worship and recreation, we hope that young people

will be more interested in visiting the mosque, knowing that their favourite activities can also be done here," said Khairy.



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