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'Ex-PM owes parties an apology'

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KUANTAN: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad owes an apology to various parties following his action which seems to support the release of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from prison.

Umno information chief Tan Sri Annuar Musa said many parties are questioning the allegations made by Dr Mahathir when he was the prime minister that led to the sacking of Anwar as deputy prime minister in 1998.

"We went against many parties to support Dr Mahathir and convinced the public regarding Anwar (on his sodomy case).

"But now, many parties, including

myself, are in doubt whether to believe what Dr Mahathir had said previously.



**Tan Sri
Annuar Musa**

"I think he owes many parties an apology," he said at Yayasan Pahang here yesterday.

On Saturday, Dr Mahathir was seen wearing a "Free Anwar Now" badge during a Pakatan Harapan convention in Shah Alam. His action had raised many questions on his previous stance against Anwar.

Annuar said the support given by Dr Mahathir to

free Anwar clearly shows that the statesman was desperate to do anything to topple Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"He (Dr Mahathir) is even willing to *jilat balik* (take back) what he said previously. Since he cannot do it alone, he needs help from PKR and DAP to make it work."

Annuar said he was unsure who has been lying all this time.

Present was state Islamic Propagation and Special Functions Committee chairman Datuk Syed Ibrahim Syed Ahmad.

Annuar said people must be mindful of the politics of hatred being spread by the opposition.

"Their motive is to topple the government, but how can they be so sure that the new government will be much better?"

He said hate politics could lead to disunity and interfere with the government's efforts at nation-building.