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'COMMON GOAL': Dr M says he is willing to work with opposition in his mission to overthrow BN

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FORMER prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has admitted that it would be difficult for the opposition pact to overthrow the Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

He said the 14 component parties in BN would help each other during the general election (GE) by voting for candidates fielded in specific areas.

"When a BN candidate is fielded, the other 14 parties will support the candidate and the opposition will always lose.

"This is because the opposition parties will only think about their respective parties instead of thinking how to unite as a pact. That is why it cannot achieve victory," he said at the launch of the state-level Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) here yesterday.

The PPBM chairman said he was willing to work with the opposition in his mission to

overthrow BN.

"Our main aim is to topple a cruel government, so what happened in the past is not important," he said at a gathering between Parti Pribumi and opposition leaders later.

Dr Mahathir said he was willing to talk and cooperate with his former nemesis, including DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang and jailed former opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, to achieve his goal. He urged all the opposition parties to put aside their differences and focus on defeating BN.

"We may not agree on certain things, but we must agree on this common goal."

Present were his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, PPBM pro-tem president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, pro-tem vice-president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir and representatives from other opposition parties.

Earlier, Muhyiddin challenged BN to call for snap elections if the coalition was confident that the opposition could not win.

"We may be a new party but I am confident that the people's tsunami will help us defeat BN," he said during the gathering that was attended by about 1,000 people.

The former deputy prime minister also urged Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir to join PPBM.

"He is a good and dedicated man that I helped groom to be a leader. Unfortunately, he is in the wrong boat," he said.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad