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## Cooperate or lose in next elections, Dr M tells PAS

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**PETALING JAYA:** PAS is going to lose in the next general election if it refuses to work with the Opposition coalition, says Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

“PAS’ elected members increased because it worked with DAP and because the Chinese voters helped PAS win. They have quite a big number,” he told reporters at the Malaysian Freedom Summit 2016 here yesterday.

The former prime minister said he was hoping to talk to PAS to explain to the party the importance of working with the Opposition coalition.

“I hope to explain that if they do not have us, the coalition, they in fact will be helping the Government (Barisan Nasional). Because they are going to lose,” he said.

He said by going on its own, and should the situation result in three-cornered fights, Opposition supporters would be divided, ensuring a Barisan victory in the elections.

On another matter, Dr Mahathir said if the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah and other Malay rulers chose not to take any action on the Citizens’ Declaration, his party would still have the general election to try to change things.