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# PKR and Pakatan to stick with Anwar for PM

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**PETALING JAYA:** PKR and Pakatan Harapan are insisting that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is the coalition's choice for prime minister if the Opposition wins the next general election.

"Alhamdulillah, we continue to hold on to the consensus that DS Anwar Ibrahim, who led us to 52% popular support in the last elections, remains the choice as prime minister," said PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar in a brief WhatsApp message to *The Star* yesterday.

An online portal reported fellow PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli as saying that it was premature to be naming candidates for the country's number one post.

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Rafizi reportedly said this was because political support for the respective Opposition parties remained uncertain.

On Tuesday, several Opposition

leaders too insisted that it was previously decided by the pact that the jailed PKR adviser would assume the post if the Opposition formed the government after the next gen-

eral election. Last week, in a speech to students in London, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said party president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin would be the prime minister if the Opposition won the next general election.

Dr Mahathir, however, acknowledged that such a decision was conditional upon Muhyiddin being chosen by his own party for the post with Pakatan also endorsing his appointment as the prime minister.

Dr Mahathir added that there would not be a decision on the matter now as "some people will be disappointed and that will split the party".