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## 'Dr M, Anwar pact will not last long'

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The "partnership" between former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and jailed former opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will be short-lived, Umno Youth vice-chief Khairul Azwan Harun said.

He said this was because of Dr Mahathir's inconsistency, as had been seen numerous times.

"Do not take this so-called new opposition partnership to heart. It won't last, not with the egos they have across the board.

"They will split again, and when they do, Dr Mahathir will again throw his old-time foes under the bus, from (Datuk Seri) Anwar Ibrahim, (Tan Sri) Muhyiddin Yassin and Lim Kit Siang, to (Datuk Seri) Azmin Ali.

"Anything will be done for Dr Mahathir to push his son (Datuk Seri) Mukhriz as the next prime minister. Anyone who gets in the way will be 'spit' back out," he said.



Khairul said this following last week's incident where Dr Mahathir was seen shaking Anwar's hands in court.

"Previously, Dr Mahathir had shaken the hand of Lim Kit Siang, a man whose reputation he had also ruined.

"This move was a political show, a desperate distraction from the increasing disapproval of the opposition."

"Now, Dr Mahathir can go back and shake the hands of people whose lives he had ruined.

"He will certainly repeat such behaviour.

"This so called Anwar-Mahathir-Kit Siang partnership was never rooted in mutual trust.

"We all know they are just using each other for personal purposes and goals that don't contribute to the growth of this country," he said.

He urged Malaysians to ignore the political act of Dr Mahathir.

"For the sake of stability in Malaysia, I hope Malaysians can take a second and recognise the 'show' played out in front of us today.

"Do not let Dr Mahathir's acting distract you from what is important for the growth of our nation."