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Explain to Johor ruler, Dr M urged

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MAKE PEACE: He should clear any misunderstanding about 'Bangsa Johor'

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FORMER prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been urged to seek an audience with Sultan of Johor Sultan

Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar to resolve any misunderstanding over the "Bangsa Johor" issue.

Persatuan Anak Melayu Johor Wilayah Persekutuan dan Selangor (PAMJ) president Datuk Seri Syed Hussien Al Habshee said Dr Mahathir, as a former prime minister,

might be looking at the issue from a federal point of view, without fully understanding the concept of Bangsa Johor.

"If Dr Mahathir meets Sultan Ibrahim, he may explain his position before the ruler. If there is any misunderstanding on Dr Mahathir's part, I am sure Sultan Ibrahim would be glad to resolve it. We do not want to prolong this issue."

He said the Bangsa Johor issue should have not been politicised, as the concept was created to promote

unity in the state.

"For me, Bangsa Johor is above politics and it is relevant today, not only for promoting unity among the people but also as a way for the people to develop Johor.

"Sultan Ibrahim is someone who is always concerned about the well-being of the rakyat. Bangsa Johor paves the way for initiatives that can help the rakyat, such as the Bank of Johor and affordable housing schemes," said Syed Hussien.

He was speaking after a press con-

ference to voice PAMJ's support for Sultan Ibrahim and the concept of Bangsa Johor.

Sultan Ibrahim, in an exclusive interview with the *New Straits Times*, had said that the concept of Bangsa Johor was as relevant today as it was when it first started in 1920, during the reign of his great grandfather, Sultan Sir Ibrahim.

Besides being a unifier for the people of Johor, the concept reflected the unique history and culture of the state, said the ruler.