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SPLITTING MALAY VOTES

Dr M tells Pas not to be spoilsport in GE14

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BESUT: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has taken a jab at Pas, telling the Islamic party not to be a “spoilsport” in Pakatan Harapan’s attempt to win the 14th General Election (GE14), which includes wresting Terengganu from Barisan Nasional.

The Pakatan Harapan chairman said he was saddened by Pas’ refusal to cooperate with the opposition pact, which comprises DAP, PKR, Parti Amanah Negara (PAN) and Dr Mahathir’s Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia.

“I doubt Pas can ever form a government on their own.

“Instead of attempting to be kingmakers, I hope they do not become spoilers by splitting

Malay votes between Pakatan Harapan, Umno and themselves.

“This will only allow the Umno-led Barisan Nasional to win,” the former prime minister said at his Save Malaysia Tour speech here yesterday.

He reminded Pas that if it cooperated with the opposition, it would stand a better chance of securing seats, just like it did by winning 27 parliamentary seats at one time by working with DAP.

This, he said, was compared with the 13 parliamentary seats it obtained by going it alone in one previous general election.

In the 13th General Election, DAP won 38 of the 51 parliamentary seats it contested, PKR 30 of

99 seats and Pas 21 of 73 seats.

Dr Mahathir, who led Umno and BN for 22 years, said he knew the game and BN more often than not won multi-cornered fights.

Pas is confident of securing a large number of seats not only in BN-ruled Terengganu, but also nationwide, and is determined to contest 100 parliamentary seats as it leads its own pact, Gagasan Sejahtera Rakyat, into GE14.

Having ruled Terengganu before for two terms, Pas holds only 14 out of 32 state seats in Terengganu, with PKR holding one.

Pas also helms the state government in Kelantan.