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A matter of time before opposition leaders 'cannibalise' each other, says Umno info chief

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THE opposition's two senior leaders may have a common enemy, but they are hiding the fact that they have their own agendas, said Umno leaders.

Umno information chief Tan Sri Annuar Musa said Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and jailed PKR leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had many unresolved issues, despite all their meetings.

"It is public knowledge. Time is running out for them, but they are busy trying to outsmart each other.

"Everyone (in the opposition) is trying to be the supremo. They have forgotten that history has proven

that they are all the worst of enemies," he told the *New Sunday Times* yesterday.

He said it was a matter of time before opposition leaders "cannibalised" each other, like DAP did to Pas.

"We know they have many unresolved issues. So let it be. Barisan Nasional will continue to focus on our agenda of serving the people."

It was reported that former prime minister Dr Mahathir and Anwar had held a 40-minute meeting on Friday at the Kuala Lumpur Court Complex after the latter's defamation trial adjourned at noon.

During the meeting, a source had told the NST, Dr Mahathir had proposed the possibility of jointly leading the opposition in the next general election, together with his former arch-nemesis.

Umno Youth vice-chief Khairul Azwan Harun said the leaders could "say what they want", but they could not hide the fact that DAP stalwart Lim Kit Siang was the de facto opposition leader.

"Say what you want, LKS is still the de facto leader and supremo of the opposition pact. He will sooner decide on candidacy and seats for Pakatan Harapan," Khairul tweeted.

Umno Youth executive committee

member Tengku Zuhri Aziz said Friday's "high-level meeting" between Dr Mahathir and Anwar showed the lack of leadership in the opposition.

"It clearly illustrates the dearth of leadership. The leader of the other major coalition partner, Lim, has also been in the political scene for the longest time. Far too long."

He said while the opposition continued to sing tunes of youth leadership, inclusiveness, reformation and opportunities for young activists, the "puppet masters" remained the same as before.

"I am certain voters, especially young voters looking forward to shaping and executing the bottom-up 2050 National Transformation, will not approve of this opposition model of recycled leadership."

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani said it was the "norm" for opposition parties to work with former foes.

"There have been many times when opposition parties formed and reformed political alliances.

"As for Barisan Nasional, we remain focused and committed to serving the people in facing challenges in the current world economic climate, whatever their political affiliations or beliefs may be."