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Apologise to Anwar if 'mistake' was made, Dr M told

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TEMERLOH: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should apologise to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim if a "mistake" was made which landed the latter behind bars.

Following Dr Mahathir's about-turn to support Anwar as a prime minister candidate, Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Mohd Sharkar Shamsudin said the PKR de facto leader could have been a victim of "political conspiracy".

Sharkar said Dr Mahathir's about-turn took place after the government had proposed to establish a Royal Commission of Inquiry to look into Bank Negara Malaysia's forex losses in the 1980s and 1990s.

"Dr Mahathir should not only apologise, but also has to admit that Anwar is a victim of political conspiracy. We all know that he (Dr Mahathir) desperately needs Anwar at this time to help him

from being jailed because of this (forex) scandal," Sharkar said after attending a Pas Hari Raya open house here yesterday.

In **Kuala Lumpur**, Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Dr Irmohizam Ibrahim said it was clear Dr Mahathir had steered away from his principles following the forex scandal and sought to reserve his son Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir as prime minister candidate.

Irmohizam urged the people not to be influenced by Dr Mahathir's political machinations.

"The people should not be taken for a ride by the opposition's narrow struggles that deny the contributions of Datuk Seri Najib Razak's administration. The people's needs are paramount and improvement (to better people's lives) is continuously being carried out by the government."



Datuk Seri Mohd Sharkar Shamsudin