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Dr Mahathir's statement on Anwar illogical, says Hisham

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KULAI: Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that he will apply for a royal pardon to free Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim if Pakatan Harapan wins the 14th General Election (GE14) is illogical, said Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein.

He said on the contrary, the statement by the former prime minister was feared to have its own agenda and to confuse Umno members, especially during the current nationwide divisions delegates' meetings.

Therefore, he reminded Umno members not to be influenced by Dr Mahathir's statement.

"So, there will be his (Dr Mahathir's) illogical statements every day... the person (Anwar) that he (Dr Mahathir) asked to be arrested, the person (Anwar) that he (Dr Mahathir) said was immoral, the person (Anwar) who was isolated from the party... I was the party's Youth chief and I felt it.

"Now, he has changed his stand. I believe it is part of his strategies to exploit, cause confusion and raise members' anger. But, so far, I see (the tactic) has been unsuccessful," said Hishammuddin after officiating the Kulai Umno division delegates' meeting here yesterday.

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