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# ZAHID: DR M A MAN WITH NO PRINCIPLES

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He was fiercely against public rallies when he was in power, says DPM

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**P**AKATAN Harapan protem chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been described as a man

with no principles following the opposition pact's plan to hold an anti-government rally in October.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said this was because Dr Mahathir was fiercely against public demonstrations.

"When he was the prime minister and home minister, he was strongly against rallies.

"But now that he is on the other side, he is the main organiser (of the rally). In my opinion, he is a man without principles.

"A person with strong principles will not budge from his

stand, whether there is a change in his position or not," said Zahid, who is also home minister, after attending the Home Ministry's monthly assembly yesterday.

Dr Mahathir had said the rally would be held at Padang Timur in Petaling Jaya.



*Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad*

Zahid said the government would allow the rally as long as it adhered to the Peaceful Assembly Act.

"They can proceed with the assembly if they comply with the conditions under the act, the location and notices issued by the authorities.

"The government is not threatened by this rally.

"Bersih had previously organised mass rallies several times and I don't think the silent majority will be interested to join it.

"I hope the silent majority will continue supporting the ruling government," Zahid said.