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Vincent Ong (*photo*) - whose view of Mahathir also changed when the latter shook Anwar's hand - put it simply that "everyone makes mistakes".

"We must be able to accept that, practise some give and take, maybe he can do something for the country," Ong said. Setiawangsa Amanah member Mohd Zamhuri Abu Tahir echoed Ong's remarks and said no one was *maksum* (free from sin)

"What's past is past, now it is for the future," Mohd Zamhuri said.

Meanwhile, claims that Mahathir, Anwar and Harapan president Wan Azizah would clash and want to chart different directions for the coalition did not appear to have much traction with opposition supporters. Shah Alam resident Johari Rosli told *Malaysiakini* that there might be "some issues" arising from having three top leaders, but he believed it would be easily resolved.

"If they each work towards it, InsyaAllah, they can (achieve consensus)," Johari said.

Ong said that having three leaders would also provide a check-and-balance mechanism to ensure that decisions are made for the good of the country. It is not yet clear what kind of powers Mahathir will have within the coalition. But with Anwar behind bars, for now at least, the former prime minister appears to be the one in charge.

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