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Salleh: Malay unity is in disarray due to Dr M

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IPOH: Malay unity is in disarray because of one man's personal interest, Umno treasurer Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak said.

He said it was due to the personal interest of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that splinter parties like Semangat 46 and PKR have come about.

"And now he has managed to persuade Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (former Umno deputy president) to join him and form Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia.

"Last time, we listened to him when he said there must be power sharing between Barisan Nasional component parties in Sabah.

"We listened to him when he said Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim committed sodomy when he was the deputy prime minister.

"We listened to him because we are loyal but when Dr Mahathir is unhappy and disagrees with Umno, he leaves and betrays the party.

"He is willing to destroy the party that gave him the chance to be prime minister for 22 years.

"To Dr Mahathir, only he is important. Never mind Umno and its struggle to defend the nation, our race and unity," Salleh said when opening the Gopeng Umno division meeting here.

Saying that a true leader would put the party's struggles before personal interest, Salleh said Dr Mahathir was a coward.

"Only a coward would abandon his party when he is in disagreement or unhappy about something."

Salleh added that the battle ahead for Umno members was to counter the lies and slander against the party and its leaders on social media.

"Our battleground now is social media where a lot of false information is being circulated and spread by our enemies. People have become confused because of these lies and we must explain to them what the Umno struggle is all about and tell them what we stand for."