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# Dr M's admission shows cracks in Pakatan Harapan

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's preparedness to consider reprising his role as prime minister suggests an internal dispute in the Pakatan Harapan opposition pact.

Umno Youth deputy chief Senator Khairul Azwan Harun said Dr Mahathir's admission was a "testament to tensions" within the loose coalition as well as within its component parties.

He said the prospect of Dr Mahathir becoming the opposition's choice for prime minister demonstrated the lack of capable leaders among them.

"From this, it is clear that the opposition is facing an internal dispute on several fronts.

"In Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) its chairman, Dr Mahathir, and president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin are fighting to be the No. 1 in the party, while deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir has become irrelevant.

"In PKR, its president, Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, and deputy Datuk Seri Azmin Ali are fighting to secure their own

(respective) agendas for the party," he said yesterday.

As for Parti Amanah Negara, Khairul said the Pas splinter party was insignificant as it had no capable leader, while DAP was only biding time for Malay-based parties in the pact to "disintegrate" so that it could take full control of the opposition coalition.

"Dr Mahathir had previously denied wanting to be prime minister, but after PKR tricked him into the 'Anwar for PM' gimmick, the opposition civil war was now out in the open.

"Certainly, none of them (the opposition) have the vision to recognise that the people don't want politicking but rather talk of real issues and real solutions.

"While the government works hard to secure international trade deals worth billions, improve the business environment, the opposition can't even decide on a logo," he said.

On Thursday, Dr Mahathir had, during a live session on his Facebook page, said he might be "forced to consider" becoming prime minister again if Pakatan Harapan had such a plan for him.



Senator Khairul Azwan Harun