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PPBM Youth leader disagrees with suggestion that Dr Mahathir be candidate for PM

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A PARTI Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) Youth executive council member yesterday launched a scathing tirade at the Pakatan Harapan leadership, claiming that most of the leaders are "not exactly sane".

The exco member, Abdul Wahazir Abdul Wahabi, said this following the recent tussle within the opposition pact in naming its preferred choice for prime minister should Pakatan Harapan win the next general election.

Wahazir, who is also PPBM Serdang Youth chief, expressed his disagreement with some opposition leaders, who had suggested that PPBM chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad be the candidate for prime minister.

"For me, Dr Mahathir is not qualified to become the prime minister any more. I see there are many people in Pakatan Harapan who are not exactly sane. Everyone wants to name their own preferred choice, but this is not the right way to handle this issue," he said yesterday.

During the PKR National Congress recently, Pakatan Hara-

pan leaders had voiced support for jailed opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim to be the prime minister-designate, by holding placards bearing the words "Anwar as 7th PM".

Dr Mahathir and PPBM president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin refrained from doing so, which led to several leaders calling for the former premier to respect Pakatan Harapan's decision since he was the "the new kid" in the opposition.

Last week, another PPBM exco member, Muhammad Hafiz Azhar, urged Dr Mahathir and Muhyiddin to answer allegations concerning the former's immense family wealth and the latter's alleged sexual tryst.

PPBM Youth chief Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman later clarified that Hafiz's opinion did not represent the Youth's stance and that the latter would be referred to the party's disciplinary committee.

Upset with the decision, Wahazir defended Hafiz while singling out Syed Saddiq, urging the latter to be a better leader, especially when it concerned his own exco members.

"It's what the public wants to know. They want to hear Dr Mahathir and Muhyiddin deny the al-

legations. So, what's wrong with Hafiz asking them to answer the claims? Another thing, I urge Syed Saddiq to not be a 'yes man'. He should be taking care of his members and exco members. We do not want a leader who's strung along by the nose."

In June last year, blogger Raja Petra Kamaruddin released a statutory declaration by former deputy public prosecutor Stanley Clement Augustin, who claimed that his wife, Nika Gee Siew Yee, had a relationship with Muhyiddin.

He claimed that the two had carried on a relationship since Muhyiddin was the Johor menteri besar two decades ago.

In July 2015, a spotlight was shone on the alleged wealth of Dr Mahathir's children by Jaringan

Melayu Malaysia, which claimed that the two sons of the former premier had become rich from financial misappropriation during Dr Mahathir's 22-year administration.

Muhyiddin had dismissed the allegation against him as a slander, while Dr Mahathir had challenged his detractors to provide evidence on the allegations concerning his sons.



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