

'ANY BID TO OUST PM IS DESPICABLE'

All quarters must accept and respect decision to elect Dr M as PM, says Bersatu minister

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ANY attempt to oust Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is a despicable act and an insult to the people who had elected him democratically.

Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia's (Bersatu) Srikandi (women's wing) chief Datuk Seri Rina Harun reminded all quarters that the decision made by

the people during the 14th General Election (GE14) last year should be accepted and respected since it was made in a democratic manner.

The rural development minister reminded the people not to jeopardise the nation's harmony.

"May 9 is a sacred date. For the first time in 61 years, the kleptocrat administration of Barisan Nasional was overthrown (during GE14). It signalled the people's freedom to choose.

"Dr Mahathir, who heads Pakatan Harapan, led the coalition to victory by defeating BN for the sake of the people and the nation.

"Although there were similar attempts by a group of political parties (to challenge BN), such a coalition failed until it was headed by Dr Mahathir," she said yesterday.

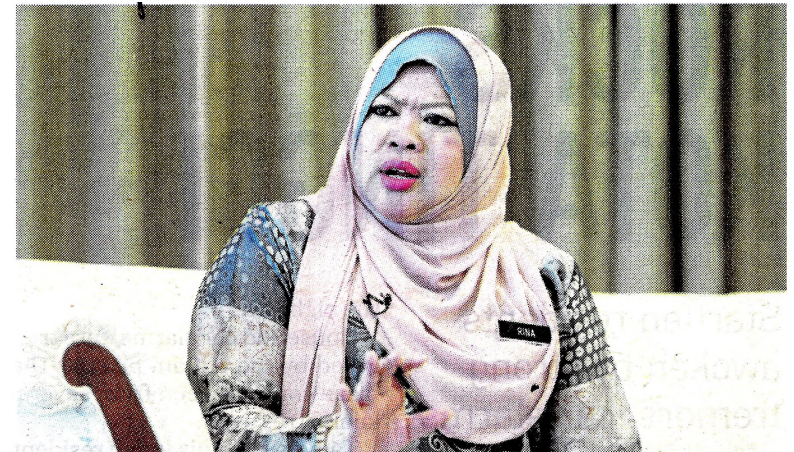
She cited a Malay proverb as a reminder against those who wanted to go against the Bersatu chairman.

"Jangan kerana menang sorak, kampung tergadai (don't risk losing everything for something that is not worth it)."

Dr Mahathir, said Rina, had never turned his back or betrayed the people and the country.

She described Dr Mahathir's wisdom and experience in leading the country as the most important asset, especially in restoring the economy and welfare of the people, which were in a shambles because of the previous administration.

Rina said she was dumbfounded and found it ironic that despite his contributions, there were allegations that Dr Mahathir had betrayed the people



Rural Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Harun.

and the country.

"The people and rulers were given the wrong impression of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

"There were also issues about Bersatu spreading its wings to

Sabah. The truth is Bersatu wants to champion the rights of Malays and Bumiputeras, unlike Umno.

"We support Dr Mahathir's leadership as the prime minister and PH chairman."