

# TOE PARTY LINE, BERSATU LEADERS TOLD

Dr M warns them against damaging party interests

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**A**CTION will be taken against Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) leaders who fail to toe party lines.

Bersatu chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said there must be discipline among party leaders, especially those who are holding positions in the party's supreme council.

He said Bersatu leaders who issued statements and took action deemed detrimental to the party would be referred to its disciplinary committee.

"Action will be taken against those who make announcements which could damage the party. We will not hesitate to refer them to the party's disciplinary committee.

"The committee will investigate and submit a report to the party's supreme council to decide on the next course of action," he told reporters after chairing Bersatu's supreme council meeting.

Present were Bersatu president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and deputy Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

Asked if he was referring to Bersatu supreme council member Datuk Dr Rais Hussin Mohamed Ariff who had claimed



Bersatu chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad speaking after chairing the party's supreme council meeting in Putrajaya yesterday. With him are Bersatu president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (left) and deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

that Pakatan Harapan had stopped listening to the people during a forum recently, Dr Mahathir replied: "There is a possibility."

It is believed that Rais did not attend the meeting as he was not sighted at the Perdana Leadership Foundation headquarters where the meeting was held.

"You can make your own conclusions, but not at the expense of damaging the party," said Dr Mahathir.

He also said that Bersatu had

never appointed anyone to be the party's chief strategist.

"There is no such thing (Bersatu chief strategist). We never appointed anyone to assume such a post.

"It is not an official appointment in the party. I am puzzled as who had appointed who."

Dr Mahathir also denied that PH had deviated from its struggles since it had formed the federal government after the 14th general election last year.

However, he noted that there

was an attempt by certain "members" in the party to create disunity among leaders in Bersatu and the coalition.

"Some members, who are not in the cabinet, have criticised the (present) leadership. All that looks as if there is dissatisfaction with the present government."

Asked if changes in the portfolios among Bersatu ministers had been raised during the meeting, Dr Mahathir said it was not discussed.

"There is no change (reshuffle)

in the cabinet.

"We also don't have any plans to increase the number of members in the cabinet.

"There is also no indication that any members in the cabinet want to relinquish their posts," he said in reply to a question whether PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would be included in any new cabinet.

Last week, Dr Mahathir denied rumours of a cabinet reshuffle, adding that there may be changes in portfolios.