

'There is no flip-flopping, Dr M knows where we stand'

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PETALING JAYA: PAS says there is no question of them flip-flopping because there is no need for them to support Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad if there is no betrayal from Pakatan Harapan.

They also told the Prime Minister to look at the letter of undertaking properly before accusing the party of wavering their support after promising to do so.

PAS secretary-general Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan said they were not in a position to reveal the contents of their letter of undertaking to Dr Mahathir.

"But if the Prime Minister were to look at it correctly, he should be able to understand what kind of support we will give him.

"We talked specifically about the possibility of a vote of no confidence against him.

"If that does not happen, the situation will remain status quo," he said.

"Our position in the Semenyih by-election is a totally different issue.

"Is that a flip-flop?" asked Takiyuddin on Dr Mahathir's remarks that PAS wavered from their promise to support him as the Prime Minister until the next general election.

Asked if that means there will be no support from PAS to Dr Mahathir should a betrayal not happen, he said: "It is all in the letter."

PAS leaders said they gave their undertaking as their president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang "smelled a possible coup" to oust Dr Mahathir.

Prior to that, Dr Mahathir revealed that Abdul Hadi, Takiyuddin and Terengganu Menteri Besar Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar had met him to say PAS would not support Umno in the Semenyih by-election and to give their undertaking to support his leadership.

He said that despite PAS giving their promise to support him, its leaders were on the ground with Umno supporting Barisan Nasional in Semenyih and that PAS was flip-flopping.

PAS deputy president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man pointed out that the party had always engaged with the sitting prime ministers even when Dr Mahathir was the fourth Prime Minister.

"When we won Kelantan in 1990 we kept the relationship with the federal government even though we were deprived of our royalties and the per capita assistance and foreign investments were delayed.

"However, under Pakatan, we feel things have improved and it is on this basis, we are supporting Dr Mahathir's leadership.

"We will support Dr Mahathir if there is a vote of no confidence in Parliament as there were some DAP leaders who had openly asked him to step down," said Tuan Ibrahim.