

Barisan and Umno as good as gone, says Dr Mahathir

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LIPIS: Barisan Nasional (BN) and Umno no longer exist, said Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

In saying this, the prime minister yesterday called on voters in Cameron Highlands to vote BN out, claiming that even Umno members had rejected the party.

"Umno no longer exists as the party that remains belongs to *penyangak* (thugs). It has no future. Now many people are eager to join PH as they no longer trust Umno.

"To dupe the people (voters in

Cameron Highlands), BN decided to name a candidate from the Orang Asli community.

"It is not that they care for the Orang Asli but merely want to safeguard their position," he said at a gathering with the people at Dataran Sungai Koyan.

Dr Mahathir said the decision was in the hands of the voters if they want to see change and hope for a better future.

"The future is in our hands. If we make a mistake, we will become the victims. If we vote for PH, our future will be better.

"Yes, Pahang is under BN but they cannot do anything as the power is held by the PH federal government. They cannot do a lot of things as it can only be done by the federal government.

"It is not that we want to make promises but we (PH) are now in power," said the Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) chairman. Present were Bersatu president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng and Parti Amanah Negara president Mohamad Sabu.

Dr Mahathir said PH was a gov-

ernment that adhered to the nation's rules and laws, unlike the previous government.

He said he would continue to express his views although he was old, as whatever he spoke was only for the benefit of the people and to solve problems plaguing the country.

"I want to work till my last breath. All the prizes, titles, medals are not good. The only good one is KSM which is 'kerja sampai mati' (work till you die). As long as I am alive, I will continue to rectify things in the

country... not because of money but for the love of the country.

"We are born and raised here. We get married and have children, our children enjoy a lot of benefits here and how can we not care for the country?"

Dr Mahathir brushed aside claims that PH candidate M. Manogaran of DAP would not be able to secure Malay votes as the Malay voters do not favour a non-Muslim contesting in the Muslim-majority constituency.

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