



Mahathir at the 10th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities in Vienna, Austria yesterday.  
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# PH functioning well as government: Tun M

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## ► Coalition not affected by party infighting

**VIENNA:** Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the coalition is not affected by party infighting and so far, the coalition has been functioning well as the government.

"Within the parties themselves, there may be some fights for positions (and) so on but that has not affected the PH coalition. We have four parties and one which is not in the coalition but in the government (Warisan).

"The four parties are equally strong and we have to reach (a) consensus whenever we have anything to decide.

"There might be differences but we can live with it and up to now, we are functioning quite well in the government," he said during a dialogue session with Malaysians residing in Austria and the Slovak Republic yesterday.

He was responding to a question from the

floor on whether the coalition experienced infighting after being elected the government since the May polls last year.

PH comprises four parties - PKR, DAP, Pertubuhan Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia and Parti Amanah Negara.

Replying to another question, Mahathir said nuclear power would not be the source of energy for Malaysia until science finds a solution for treating nuclear waste and reverse the process of extracting radiation so it will not affect people's health.

The waste generated by nuclear power was dangerous and trying to get rid of it would be a problem, he said.

"Because up to now, science has not managed to reverse the process. You can activate the material to function and have radiation (for power but) no way to reverse it.

"So until then, we will not accept nuclear power plants.

"But when the time comes, when they (science and experts) are able to treat nuclear waste and it is safe (to the people), we will reconsider," he said.

He was answering a question about whether Malaysia had alternative plans for power apart from the existing source of energy in the country.

Mahathir said at one time, Malaysia sold "amang", a by-product of the tin mining industry, to the Japanese who used the radioactive power of the product for its colour television industry.

"But now TV is all about LED and (the Japanese) do not use the material anymore. But the material is dangerous and we had long arguments with the Japanese company and eventually, we reserved one square mile of land to bury the waste."

On a question about corruption, Mahathir said at the moment, the government is seen to be corruption-free, with nobody claiming the administration is corrupt.

"I cannot say if we will be corruption-free in future but at the moment, people say we are not."

About 100 people attended the dialogue session, including officers from the Malaysian embassy. - **Bernama**