

PM: Some people want to topple Pakatan Harapan govt for fighting corruption

PRIME Minister (PM) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday said there are some people, including civil servants, who want to oust the Pakatan Harapan government because of its efforts to combat corruption.

In fact, Dr Mahathir said there are those who said the Pakatan Harapan government is not as good as the previous administration because it rejects the immoral activity.

"There are some who feel that the government is not as good as the previous one because this government does not allow bribes.

"There are some who feel this government should not continue, but (the country) should go back to a corrupt government which benefits them," he said in his speech at the Townhall Gathering with Perak Civil Servants in Ipoh.

Also present was Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu, state executive council members and about 1,500 civil servants.

Commenting further, Dr Mahathir said when the leaders and government elected by the people in the general election are corrupt, many parties would become victims, including future generations.

At the same time, all the government's plans to develop and build the nation to once again become an 'Asian Tiger' would not be realised, he said.

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government was toppled because of corruption, even though they felt that bribery would get them the support of the people, but in the end, the people overthrew them even though they were offered all sorts of bribes," Dr Mahathir said.

Malaysia's leader also said the nation's wealth should be shared with all the people in the country, regardless of race, religion and skin colour, so as to avoid any undesired occurrences.

"If we neglect distributing wealth properly, there will unhappiness among the people and this will eventually cause chaos. That is why

all efforts must ensure that the distribution of income and opportunities is for all," he said.

Earlier, Ahmad Faizal in his speech said there is still a small number of civil servants who are trapped by their sentiments towards their old "bosses" from the previous administration.

"As human beings, we are bound by ties of friendships built between civil servants and members of the previous administration.

"Today's administration has no intention of insisting that these bonds be severed, because that is against the teachings of Islam. It is

also counter to the principles of mature politics practised by this administration," he said.

However, he stressed that there should be limitations as decisions and actions should not be influenced by old friendship ties.

"Do not ever forsake the oath of loyalty to the government by neglecting the orders that have been given, or not carrying out instructions or decisions, because of a conflict of sentiments towards the previous administration.

"This is a form of betrayal of the trust given by the people. Stop the political games." — *Bernama*