

Dr Mahathir unveils latest party ^{The} ~~Pejuang~~ ^{Malaysian Reserve} - 13/8/2020 Pg. 1

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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad has unveiled his latest political party — Pejuang — in what observers described as his final political struggle in the country.

In a blog post yesterday, Malaysia's longest-serving prime minister (PM) announced the party's name, a week after he unveiled his plans to form a new Malay-based party. Pejuang means fighter or warrior in Bahasa Malaysia.

Asli Centre of Public Policy Studies chairman Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam said the former PM needs to work hard and quickly to gain a strong ground in an already crowded Malay political battlefield.

"He has to show more inclusiveness to all communities and especially the poor. Good luck to him," Ramon told *The Malaysian Reserve (TMR)*.

"He is facing a severe litmus test for his views, his support and the people's trust in him, after all these years of tough leadership.

"This could well be his last battle," he said, adding that Dr Mahathir's drive remains phenomenal.

Pejuang is chaired by Dr Mahathir, while his son Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir is the president.

Dr Mahathir said the party was formed to eliminate corruption and kleptocracy.

"Our party was formed out of awareness. Corruption destroys the nation. Corruption destroyed the Malays.

"If you want to get a position and money. Choose another party. If you want to redeem dignity. If you want to keep our rights. Choose our party. Choose Pejuang," he said on his blog post.