

BERSATU IS DOOMED, SAYS DR M

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'This is because its leadership is working with parties rejected by people in GE14'

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PARTI Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia is doomed, predicted its former chairman, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said this was the likely outcome for the party after its leadership resorted to working with parties rejected by the people in the 14th General Election (GE14) to form the federal government.

Dr Mahathir said this in his latest post on his blog, chedet.cc, yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, who is Langkawi member of parliament, alleged that certain Bersatu leaders were willing to work with individuals accused of stealing billions of ringgit in government funds.

"Among them includes Bersatu leaders and members who supposedly joined the party to topple a prime minister who had stolen billions of ringgit.

"They cooperated with the then

opposition parties (during the previous Barisan Nasional administration) that had the same agenda.

"The rakyat eventually awarded them victory (in GE14) after believing the sincerity of the promises made by the parties and their leaders.

"After winning (the election), the Bersatu president had devised a plan with the losing parties to exit the Pakatan Harapan government, which resulted in the collapse of the Pakatan Harapan administration," he said.

Dr Mahathir is among five Bersatu members whose memberships were nullified after they joined forces with now opposi-

tion parties PKR, DAP and Parti Amanah Negara.

The others are Dr Maszlee Malik (Simpang Renggam), Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman (Muar), Datuk Amiruddin Hamzah (Kubang Pasu) and Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir (Jerlun).

Dr Mahathir, the former prime minister, also questioned whether the Bersatu leadership could accept the presence of leaders he alleged as being "thieves" in the current government administration.

"Okaylah, as long as they receive '*nikmat*' (benefits).

"What had happened to your pledge of fighting and ousting kleptocrat leaders?"

"Perhaps that was only a pledge to get support from voters (for GE14). After obtaining the support, you just simply forget about it (the pledge to fight kleptocrat leaders)," he said.

He said the problem with Bersatu was that its leaders would become complacent once they received gains by entering into a political cooperation.

"What will happen to the fight to save Malays from kleptocrat leaders?"

"And is it (the gains) worth losing the trust of the people in the future? That is the future.

"This is the attitude among some Bersatu leaders and members."