

# Muhyiddin's position as Bersatu acting chairman reaffirmed

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Bersatu Supreme Council in its meeting on Thursday night confirmed that the party membership of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and four others had been nullified, and recognised Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as the party's acting chairman.

The matter was conveyed to the media by Bersatu secretary-general Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin in a statement yesterday.

"The Supreme Council meeting confirmed that the memberships of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman, Datuk Wira Amiruddin Hamzah and Dr Maszlee Malik were automatically nullified in accordance with Clause 10.2.2 and 10.2.3 of the party constitution and the council's acceptance of the nullification of their memberships is final.

"The meeting also recognised that the duty of acting chairman assumed by Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is valid in accordance with Clause 16.9 of Bersatu constitution, following Tun Dr Mahathir's resignation as Bersatu chairman on Feb 24."

The meeting held at the Persatuan Alumni Universiti Malaya



*Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin*



*Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad*

Clubhouse on Thursday night was chaired by Muhyiddin.

Elaborating, Hamzah said the meeting also confirmed that the party's decision to join and lead Perikatan Nasional (PN) government was in line with the party's objective and policy.

It also confirmed that the party's decision to withdraw from Pakatan Harapan (PH), which was finalised in a Supreme Council meeting on Feb 23 and the official announcement made by Muhyiddin as the acting chairman on Feb 24, was valid and made in an orderly manner.

"The Supreme Council also

supports and gives its full mandate to Muhyiddin's leadership as Bersatu president and as Malaysia's eighth prime minister appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in accordance with the federal constitution."

Hamzah said the council confirmed several other issues, including the termination of Datuk Wira Marzuki Yahya as Bersatu secretary-general through the termination letter dated March 18 and that Hamzah's appointment as the new secretary-general on March 26 was valid and orderly in line with the party constitution.



*Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin leaving the Bersatu Supreme Council meeting at the Persatuan Alumni Universiti Malaya Clubhouse in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday. PIC BY EIZAIRI SHAMSUDIN*

He said the council also confirmed that Captain (Rtd) Muhammad Suhaimi Yahya was Bersatu executive secretary and the legal executive secretary of Bersatu and any letter signed by the executive secretary was deemed official.

In the same statement, Hamzah said the party also expressed gratitude and thanks to former chairman Dr Mahathir, former deputy president Mukhriz, for-

mer Armada chief Syed Saddiq, and all former Supreme Council members for their contributions to the party.

"With the confirmation and decision made at the meeting last night, I hereby call on all party members and grassroots leaders to stand in steadfast solidarity with the party to continue our struggle to uphold religion, race and the country." **Bernama**