

Dr Mahathir, 5 others file suit over dismissal from Bersatu

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and five other Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) co-founders and parliamentarians who were sacked from the party have initiated legal action against Bersatu president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and the Registrar of Societies (RoS).

The six filed their lawsuit through Messrs Haniff Khatri at the High Court registry, here, yesterday afternoon.

Dr Mahathir had filed the suit in his capacity as Bersatu chairman, while the five others suing were his son Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, as Bersatu deputy president, Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman as Bersatu Youth chief, former education minister Dr Maszlee Malik, Bersatu Supreme Council member Datuk Amiruddin Hamzah and party secretary-general Datuk Wira Marzuki Yahya.

In the 61-page statement of claim, they had named Muhyid-

din, Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainuddin, party organising secretary Captain (Rtd) Muhammad Suhaimi Yahya and RoS director-general Masyati Abang Ibrahim as defendants.

According to the statement of claim, Dr Mahathir and the five others are seeking for a declaration that they are still the rightful members of Bersatu and that their termination letters dated May 28 this year was null and void *ab initio*.

The group is also seeking for an injunction against Muhyiddin and the other defendants from holding any Bersatu meetings or amending the constitution of the party from the day the legal action was filed until the suit is disposed of.

The six plaintiffs are challenging their membership termination as per the June 4 Bersatu meeting and seeking a court declaration that Muhyiddin is not the acting chairman of Bersatu.