

'Sacking of Bersatu 5 fair, just'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The sacking of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and four other representatives was executed in a just and fair manner, Prime Minister and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said yesterday.

He said their actions went against the party constitution and that was the reason for their termination. The others sacked are Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir (Jerlun), Datuk Amiruddin Hamzah (Kubang Pasu), Dr Maszlee Malik (Simpang Renggam) and fellow Johorean Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman (Muar).

"Despite calls for stern action to be taken against them from the beginning, I wanted to be fair to all parties and ensure any decision was in line with the party constitution. No individual is above the party constitution."

Dr Mahathir and the four MPs, said Muhyiddin, had chosen to continue working with Pakatan Harapan though the party decided otherwise.

"If that is the path chosen by Tun (Dr Mahathir), then I wish him good luck. Let us pray to Allah to give us strength to face this difficult time."

Muhyiddin called on Bersatu



Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin

leaders and members to close ranks and continue providing support to the present administration.

"I am confident that Bersatu will become stronger. We have faced many challenges since the first day I formed this party.

"What matters most is not to fight for any individual but for religion, race and nation."

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Special Functions) Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof admitted that he met Dr Mahathir on Friday.

The Bersatu supreme council member said the 45-minute meeting, held at the Perdana Leadership Foundation headquarters in Putrajaya, was a "normal get-together in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri", and denied claims that he wanted to withdraw his support for Perikatan Nasional (PN).

"Yes, I met Tun (Dr Mahathir). I was allowed to after getting permission from the NSC (National Security Council) because I tested negative (for Covid-19). But we did not talk politics.

"We are good friends, (even) old friends. I asked Tun that we get together and help (Prime Minister) Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as friends to rebuild the country in the wake of Covid-19. It appears that Tun took it well. The meeting was not as how it was earlier reported, that I was planning to leave PN. That's a lie by those with an agenda to tarnish my reputation," he told *Berita Harian*.

Redzuan (Alor Gajah MP) and Deputy Works Minister Datuk Dr Shahrudin Md Salleh were earlier rumoured to be leaving PN to join Dr Mahathir's faction.

Redzuan reiterated his support for Muhyiddin to take the country through the crisis and rebuild the economy.